

Examination Card 18

I. Read the text and answer the questions.

The rise of English is a story of wonderful success. When Julius Caesar landed in Britain nearly two thousand years ago, English did not exist. Five hundred years later, in the 5th century, English was already spoken by the people who inhabited Great Britain but they were not many, and their English was not the language we know today. At the end of the 16th century, when William Shakespeare created his works, English was the native language of about 6 million Englishmen. At that time English was not used anywhere else except Great Britain.

Nowadays 750 million people all over the world use English, and half of those speak it as a mother tongue. Of all the 2700 world languages English is one of the richest. For example, compare English, German and French: English has a vocabulary of about 500 000 words, German – 185 000, and French – fewer than 100 000. At the end of the 21st century English is more widely spoken and written, than any other language has ever been. It has become the language of the planet, the first truly global language.

English is and has always been **constantly** changing. Some words die, some change their meanings and all the time new words appear in the language.

1. When did Julius Caesar land in Britain?

2. The word **constantly** is synonymous to _____.

3. Did everybody speak English at the end of the 16th century?

4. Is the English language widely spoken today?

II. Write the verbs in the right tense form.

Stevie Wonder (1) _____ born on May 13, 1950, in Michigan, USA. (to be) His real name is Stevland Hardaway Judkins but later he (2) _____ the name Morris and it has been his name for his life. (to drop)

As he was blind from birth, his mother was afraid to let him out of the house, and he (3) _____ up at home. (to grow) He learned to play the harmonica, the drums and the piano. He (4) _____ his first record at the age of 12. (to make) His song "I Just Called to Say I Love You" in the film *Woman in Red* won an Oscar in 1984. Today, his songs (5) _____ all over the world. (to be sung)

III. Translate the sentences from Armenian into English.

1. Մենք պետք է նոր բնակարան գնենք: Մեր բնակարանը շատ փոքր է:

2. Եթե դու ժամանակին չգաս, մենք կգնանք առանց քեզ:

3. Ոչ ոք չի ցանկանում մասնակցել այդ խնջույքին, այդպես չէ՞:

4. Կարծում եմ անգլիերենը չափազանց դժվար է և դու չես կարողանա այն սովորել այդքան արագ:

5. Ես կարծում եմ, որ նրանք կկատարեն այս աշխատանքը հաճույքով:
