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1. **Прочтите текст и переведите текст письменно:**

**MY DAY OFF**

 Unfortunately being a student means that I don’t have much free time apart from holidays. Sunday is the only real day off that I have from studying. Every evening I have a lot of homework to do and even on Sundays I spend most of the afternoon and evening preparing for my classes in the following week. And this year is a separate talk. I have no free time even on Sundays. I have really realized that the last year at school is not an easy thing. The teachers give much homework in every subject and I have additional practice in English and Chemistry. Besides, I spend much time preparing for my final examinations. There is practically no time for television or friends. But I’d like to tell you how I spend my free time when I have it.

 For most of my friends, their first priority is to sleep longer than they normally do. But it’s not about me. I don’t like to sleep more than 9 hours, because then I feel even more tired. If it is summer or spring I prefer to go in for sports in the morning in the fresh air, for example, to go for jogging (running) or to play tennis. In winter I like to go skating and skiing. In deep autumn I prefer to stay at home.

 I have four wonderful friends and there is a some kind of tradition among us: once a month we all meet together and talk about everything that crosses our minds. It is an excellent opportunity to have a really good chat and a relaxing time.

 I don’t have a concrete hobby, which I would devote all my free time. I like to do everything a little. My mother is a perfect dressmaker and she taught me to sew. So from time to time I enrich my wardrobe with modern dresses, skirts and trousers, that I make myself, of course. I also enjoy cooking, especially desserts, ice-cream, cakes, pies, but in fact, I can cook almost every kind of food.

 I’m also very fond of reading. I cannot imagine my life without a good book. There are various genres of literature (detectives, thrillers, comics, science fiction, memoirs), and I prefer to read classical novels by Russian and foreign writers. I like to read novels by F. Dostoevsky, S. Turgenev, A. Chekhov. Among the foreign writers, I prefer Jack London, George Sand, Charlotte Bronte. I also like to read detectives but only by Agatha Christie and Arthur Conan Doyle. In my opinion, modern detectives are full of platitude and there is a complete absence of fascinating plot.

 Well, sometimes I spend my free time with my classmates and our attached teacher. That is usually an unforgettable time! Two times we went camping and spent some wonderful days in the fresh air, near a lake, in the forest full of mosquitoes. We didn’t mind spending some days without parents and did everything we wanted. We lived in comfortable houses. We prepared all the food ourselves and didn’t allow our teacher to interfere with that process.

 In the evenings, after supper, we gathered in the billiards room and played there. Then, very late, we made a fire and sat there until the morning light. We talked about various things, remembered interesting events in our lives, told funny and horror stories, sang songs and played different games around the fire. But everything good and pleasant always finishes sometime and soon we had to go home.

 Well, it is true, that your free time depends on your interests and hobbies. People who want to achieve something in life, to get a perfect education will spend their free days reading or visiting some exhibitions, concerts to enrich their inner world and broaden horizons. Others, less caring about their future life will spend their free time with friends and going to dance every night. But I think, that here should be the golden mean and I belong to it.

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