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ТЕКСТ ДЛЯ АУДИРОВАНИЯ

Part 1

Integrated Listening and Reading (20 minutes)

Maximum points – 8

There are several famous palaces in Moscow. Many of them are regularly visited by tourists.

Task 1

Read about the five most famous palaces in Moscow and answer the questions that follow. Now you have 15 minutes to read the texts and answer these questions.

(Pause 15 minutes)

Task 2

Now listen to parts of the city tour around Moscow and decide which palace the tour guide is talking about. You will hear this twice.

Palace 1.

Tour Guide: (fades in) ... and here we are, back again on the Cathedral Square! I hope you have enjoyed looking inside these cathedrals, the oldest in Moscow! And now – the bonus of today's tour! We are going to visit this Palace. It is not often that I can take tourists inside this Palace, as you can imagine, it is a very busy place – it serves our government! But luckily today, nothing important is happening inside, so we are free to visit it and enjoy its royal beauty. Just follow me! ...(fades out)

Palace 2.

Tour Guide: (fades in) ... Now that you have seen one of the most serious and beautiful palaces in Moscow, let's look at the one which nowadays mostly provides entertainment. It may not be as pretty as the other one, in fact, it looks very different from all the other historic buildings around here, but a palace it is, and if you like musical theatre performances, especially the ballet, I would strongly recommend that you come here to watch the best ballet dancers of Russia. The tickets can be bought in the...(fades out)

Palace 3.

Tour Guide: (fades in) ... Remember how only several minutes ago we looked at this palace from the top of the TV tower? Well, now we can see it up close. It's too bad we cannot get inside the palace – even though it is a museum, it has been closed

for reconstruction since 2013! But we can still look at it from the outside. Just imagine all the horse-drawn carriages that brought the aristocracy from Moscow to this magnificent palace in the 18th century to watch theatre performances! This was the time when theatres were just gaining their popularity... (fades out)

Palace 4.

Tour Guide: (fades in) ... and this was the last palace in our tour today. Now, it is not that far from the center of the city – this street here leads you right to Red Square! But when it was built, it was quite far-away from Moscow. Well, this is the end of our tour. Those of you who bought the tickets for tonight’s football game can stay here – the game will begin in half an hour; you will need to take a 5-minute walk in that direction. The rest can take the metro home. Thank you very much for your attention... (fades out)

You’ll hear the text again in 30 seconds.

(Pause 30 seconds)

Now listen to the text again.

(Text repeated)

Now you have two minutes to finish the task.

This is the end of the integrated task. Now you can start working on your reading task.