**Form 10**

**Reading-Comprehension Test**

***The Strange Doctor.***

A man and his wife were motoring along a strange country road in New England to keep a dinner engagement at top speed. In spite of this he noticed a large house in bad repair with a sign announcing that a doctor lived there. Half a mile further on, he met with an accident. The man was unhurt, but his wife was seriously injured. He remembered the doctor’s sign half a mile away. Taking his unconscious wife in his arms he walked back to his house. A tall grey-haired man

who said he was a doctor opened the door. The room looked as if it hadn’t been tidied for a long time. They carried the woman into a dusty disordered consulting room and put on the operating table. The doctor examined the fractured skull and said that she needed an operation immediately. The husband had no choice.

He decided to wait outside.

Later the husband saw the three coming to the house. Two of them were armed

and the third was carrying a rope. They were advancing slowly towards the house.

“The man operating on your wife is mad. He escaped only two hours ago”, said

one of the men. The husband didn’t let the three men interrupt the operation. He

knew there was a chance that a mad doctor could operate from the force of a habit. The three men agreed to wait until the operation was over. When the operation was done they captured the mad man and took him away. They also promised to bring back doctors.

The husband took his wife to New York where she was placed in a hospital under the care of a famous doctor. Carefully examining her fractured skull this doctor said:”Your wife will get well and be perfectly normal again. But I can’t understand it. I know only one man in the world who could perform such an operation successfully. That doesn’t explain anything, because that man went mad years ago and was placed in an asylum somewhere in New England.”

engagement- встреча, приглашение

injured-раненый

unconscious-бесчувственный, без сознания

fractured skull- повреждённый череп

rope- верёвка

advance-продвигаться

interrupt-прерывать

capture-пленить, схватить

**I. Write down from each column the corresponding expression / word,**

**according to the text.**

***Who What Where***

a mad doctor an operation South England

a caring husband an accident on the road East Anglia

an injured wife a dinner engagement New England

***Why When***

serious injury morning

slight disease evening

meeting with an old friend night

**II. Who did the following.**

1. ….. was driving at top speed.

2. ….. was operated on.

3. ….. captured the mad man.

4. ….. examined the lady’s fractured skull.

5. ….. promised to bring back doctors.

**III. Choose the best Russian translation to the following sentences.**

1. A man and his wife were motoring along a strange country road.

а) муж и жена ехали по одинокой загородной дороге.

б) муж и жена ехали по незнакомой просёлочной дороге.

в) мужчина и его жена мчались по неизвестной загородной дороге.

2. to keep a dinner engagement

а) чтоб успеть на званый обед

б) чтоб сохранить званый обед

в) чтоб сдержать обещание пообедать вместе

3. ….. half a mile further on

а) на полторы мили дальше

б) примерно через полмили

в) через полмили от того места

4.The doctor examined her with evident skill.

а) доктор обследовал её с особым мастерством

б) доктор обследовал её с очевидным мастерством

в) доктор проявил очевидные навыки при обследовании

5. ….. could operate from the force of a habit

а) смог прооперировать в силу привычки

б) мог оперировать исходя из силы привычки

в) смог прооперировать по привычке

**IV. Answer the questions.**

1. Why was the husband driving at high speed?

2. How did the husband know that there was a doctor there?

3. How did the house and the room look like?

4. What did the man get to know from the three men?

5. What did the prominent physician think about the operation?

**V. Summarize the text in not more than 5 sentences.**