**Task 1.**

***Read the text. Try to remember all the details about life in Ancient Egypt. After reading return the text to the member of Jury. Time – 3 min***

Egyptian Daily Life

Egypt is a dry, hot desert country and ancient life depended on the waters of the River Nile. The Nile was the heart of life. The Egyptians used the river for travelling, transporting goods and for watering fields. The fish caught in the river gave people protein and the mud from the Nile was used as the building material.

People lived near the Nile and Egyptian houses were almost all built from bricks of the Nile mud. (The palaces of the Pharaohs were built from stone). The mud was carried in baskets from the Nile and poured into moulds. When the mud in the mould was dry, it was taken out and left to bake in the heat of the sun.

Mud houses were rather comfortable. They were cool inside and had flat roofs so that in very hot weather people could sleep on the roofs in the cool of the night. Usually there was a courtyard with high walls around the house.

We know about Egyptian daily life from the huge number of wall paintings in tombs and temples. The houses we can see now are the houses of rich people, priests and scribes, government officials, and master craftsmen. The paintings show a large number of servants, or probably slaves, working in the houses. From the paintings we know that the servants looked after the fires, grinded wheat to make bread, cooked meat over fires, and carried baskets full of vegetables.

The richer families in ancient Egypt had houses with beautiful gardens, looked after by slaves or servants. Men went wild-fowling (hunting wild duck) in the marshes and women are shown sitting on couches talking to each other and listening to music.

***Return the text to the member of Jury***

***(after reading)***

***Read the list of questions. Circle the numbers of those to which you cannot find answers in the text. Time – 2 min.***

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|  | Where did Egyptians prefer to sleep during hot nights? |  |  |
|  | How did Egyptian women bring up their children? |  |  |
|  | In what ways did the Egyptians use the Nile? |  |  |
|  | Did the Egyptians go hunting? |  |  |
|  | Is there a description of manufacturing bricks in the text? |  |  |
|  | Did the Egyptians use coal to heat their houses? |  |  |
|  | What kinds of work are shown in the wall paintings? |  |  |
|  | What did life in ancient Egypt depend on? |  |  |
|  | How did Egyptian women bring up their children? |  |  |
|  | Who did the housework? |  |  |

1. ***Put the questions in the correct order according to the information in the text. Time – 2 min.***

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