**Занятие 5. Тема «Обычаи и праздники».**

**Задание 1. Прочитайте и переведите текст.**

There are many national holidays in Russia. On these days people all over the country don`t work because they have special celebrations. The major holidays in Russia are: New Year's Day, Women's Day, May Day, Victory Day and day of Russia.

The first holiday of the year is New Year's Day. It is celebrated at midnight on the 31st of December. People say goodbuy to the old year and greet the new year with chmpagne and lots of tasty food. There are different New Year traditions in Russia like listening to the Kremlin chimes beating 12 o'clock, decorating fur-trees and homes with coloured lights, candles and toys. Children get presents from Father Frost. Some people consider New Year's Day to be a family holiday, others prefer to have New Year parties of their own.

A renewed holiday in our country is Christmas, which is celebrated on the 7th of January. People go to church services on that day because it is a religious holiday. On the 8th of March we celebrate Women's Day. Men do everything about the house: they cook meals, clean their homes, wash the dishes, take care of children and give women presents and flowers.

The greatest national holiday in Russia is Victory Day. On the 9th of May, 1945, our army completely defeated the German fascists and the Great Patriotic War ended. We honour our granmothers and grandfathers with having a parades, with a minute of silence and we put flowers on the tombs of soldiers.

Day of Russia is a new holiday in our country. It is celebrated on the 12th of June. We celebrate Day of the Defender of Motherland on the 23d of February. We spend time with our husbands and fathers on that day. There are also holidays like Easter, Maslenitsa, Day of Knowledge and lots of professional holidays which aren`t public holidays. Banks, offices and schools do not close on those days.

**Задание 2. Выполните лексико-грамматические упражнения.**

**I. Fill in the gaps with articles where necessary.**

**Geography of Russia**

**\_\_\_** Russia is one of largest countries in the world. The vast territory of \_\_\_Russia lies in the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of \_\_Asia. \_\_\_Russia is washed by twelve seas and three oceans.

\_\_\_Moscow is the capital of \_\_\_Russian Federation. About 10 million people live and work in \_\_\_Moscow.

The land of \_\_\_Russia varies very much from forests to deserts, from high mountains to deep valleys. The main mountain are \_\_\_Urals, \_\_\_ Caucasus and \_\_\_Altai. There are a lot of great rivers and deep lakes on its territory. Also there are many animals in \_\_\_Russia

The longest rivers are \_\_\_Volga in Europe and \_\_\_Ob, \_\_\_Yenisei and \_\_\_Lena in \_\_\_Asia. The largest lakes are \_\_\_Ladoga and \_\_\_Baikal. \_\_\_Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and its water is the purest on \_\_\_earth.

\_\_\_Russian Federation is rich in natural and mineral resources. It has huge deposits of oil, gas, iron, gold, silver and many others.

\_\_\_European part of the country is densely peopled, and most population lives in cities. The current population of \_\_\_Russia is more than 145 million people.

**II. Choose the right variant.**

1. Last winter the group of Japanese tourists visited … Russian Federation.
2. --- b) the c) a
3. I often think about visiting …Scotland.
4. --- b) the
5. My sisters have returned from …London.
6. --- b) the
7. … USA is famous for it’s patriotism and freedom.
8. --- b) the
9. The capital of ….Canada is Ottawa.
10. --- b) the
11. We would like to win a trip to …Wales.
12. --- b) the c) a
13. … China is the capital of fakes.
14. --- b) the c) a
15. Have you ever been to …Australia?
16. --- b) the c) an
17. She lives in …Scotland, that`s why she has to learn their language.
18. --- b) the c) a
19. They decided to move to … Egypt.
20. --- b) the c)a

**III. Write the article if necessary.**

1 \_\_\_ Hawaiian Isles

2 \_\_\_ Crimea

3 \_\_\_ Moscow

4 \_\_\_ Urals

5 \_\_\_ Everest

6 \_\_\_ Atlantic Ocean

7 \_\_\_ Red Sea

8 \_\_\_ Lake Ontario

9 \_\_\_ London

10 \_\_\_ Bahamas

11 \_\_\_ Ob

12 \_\_\_ Baikal

13 \_\_\_ Africa

14 \_\_\_ Caucasus

15 \_\_\_ Europe

16 \_\_\_ Pacific Ocean

17 \_\_\_ Asia

18 \_\_\_ Mediterranean Sea

19 \_\_\_ Paris

20 \_\_\_ Andes

**Задание 3. Разработайте монологический текст «Третьяковская галерея».**