**CONVERSATIONAL TOPIC**

**OUR UNIVERSITY**

**Ex. 1 Соедините колонки**

1. entrance exams

2. enter

3. higher education

4. educational establishment

5. a department

6. a chair

7. foreign languages

8. training

9. offer

10. correspondence course

11. extra-mural department

12. a day-time student

13. attend classes

14. compulsory

15. academic year

16. a term

17. take exams

18. pass exams

19. successfully

20. carry out research

21. under the guidance of instructors

22. comfortable

23. modern equipment

24. at disposal of students

25. graduates

26. a Certificate of a Specialist

успешно

вступительные экзамены

диплом специалиста

учебный год

поступить

выпускники

высшее образование

в распоряжении студентов

учреждение образования

современное оборудование

факультет

кафедра

удобный

иностранные языки

под руководством преподавателей

обучение (учеба)

проводить исследование

предлагать

сдать экзамены

сдавать экзамены

заочное отделение

семестр

заочное отделение

студент дневного отделения

обязательный

посещать занятия

**OUR UNIVERSITY**

This year I passed 3 **entrance exams** and **entered Francisk Skorina Gomel State University**. This **higher educational establishment** was opened in 1969 **on the basis of** the Pedagogical institute. It was the second University in Belarus. Today there are 12 **departments** and 52 **chairs (кафедр)** in our **educational institution**. These departments are the Department of Psychology and Pedagogics, Biology, Mathematics, History, Economics, Geology and Geography, **Foreign Languages**, Physical Culture, Law, **the Correspondence Department** (заочный) and others. So, our university trains teachers of mathematics, chemistry, biology, foreign languages, geography, physical training. It also trains lawyers, economists, psychologists, engineers, managers and research workers.

**Four forms** of **training** are **offered** at GSU. They are: **daytime training**, **correspondence course** (**extra-mural department**), **preparatory section**, and **post-graduate course**. The students of extra-mural department combine work and study. **As for me**, I am **a day-time student**. For the **day-time (full-time)** students who **score high** education is free: every month they **get scholarship(study allowance)**. Other students **pay tuition fees**. For day-time students, **attendance of lectures**, seminars and practical classes is **compulsory**. An **academic year** is divided into two **terms**. **At the end** of each term we **take our exams**. Most students **pass examssuccessfully**. We **carry out researchunder the guidance of instructors**. We present the results of our **research work** at seminars and conferences.

Our University has many **comfortable** buildings. Libraries, reading halls, different laboratories with **modern equipment** and **gyms** are **at disposal ofstudents**. So, the university can **boast of** (хвастать-ся) all the necessary **facilities** for studying.

Many students of our University live in hostels. At the end of university course **graduates receive a Certificate of a Specialist**.

**Exercises**

**Ex. 1 Make sure that you know these words.**

Study allowance, comfortable classrooms, modern equipment, necessary facilities, Chemistry and Biology, at disposal of students, to receive, to offer, to carry out, to boast of, to attend, attendance of classes, gyms and libraries, to score high, foreign students, an educational institution, correspondence course, faculties and facilities, entrance exams, under the guidance of teachers, a Certificate, at the end of the term, to pass successfully, compulsory education, graduates, psychologies and lawyers.

**Ex. 2 Guess the word.**

1. A building in which collections of books, CDs, newspapers, etc. are kept for people to read, study or borrow.

2. The sum of money which is paid every month to a student.

3. A person who graduates from university.

4. A careful study of a subject, especially in order to discover new facts or information about it.

5. One of two or three periods in the year during which classes are held in universities.

6. The leader of a student group.

7. The head of the department.

**Ex. 3 Say if the statements are true or false.**

1. The university was opened in 1959 on the basis of the pedagogical institute. 2. All undergraduates get scholarship. 3. Three forms of training are offered at the Gomel state University. 4. Applicants go in for entrance exams in June. 5. Many students of our University live in hotels. 6. There are 45 departments in our institution.

**Ex. 4 Give synonyms to the words in bold type.**

To **miss** classes (пропускатьзанятия), to **fail** an exam, **part-time** students, at the **end** of the term, **to pay tuition fees**, **free** (бесплатный), to **enter** F. Skorina Gomel State University, **daytime** training, to **pass** exams.

**Ex. 5 Give synonyms to the words in bold type.**

**Day-time** students, an **educational** establishment, **correspondence** department, **obligatory** subjects, **convenient**, to **receive**, an **instructor**, **training**, **facilities** for studying, to get **scholarship,** modern **equipment,** an **establishment**, **to do** research.

**Ex. 6 Finish the sentences.**

1. Our University was opened … .

2. 4 forms of training are offered … . There are … .

3. The Departments of our University are … .

4. … are at disposal of students.

5. At the end of University course graduates receive … .

6. An academic year is divided into … .

**Ex. 7 Answer the following questions.**

1. What is the official name of our university? – We study at … .

2. When was it opened? – Our university was opened in … .

3. How many departments do we have? What are they? – We have … . They are … .

4. What department do you study at? – I study at the department of … .

5. How many chairs do we have? – We have … .

6. What is your future profession? – My future profession is a … .

7. What forms of training does our university offer? – Our university offers … .

8. What is your form of training? (Are you a day-time or part-time student?) – I am a … .

9. Are you a first-year (second-year) student? – I am a … .

10. What do students take at the end of each term? – At the end of each term, … .

11. Is our university well-equipped? What facilities for studying are there at the disposal of students? – Our university is well-equipped: we have … at our disposal.

12. Is education in GSU free? (Who gets scholarship?) - … .

13. How long does the university course last? – The university course (of the first level) … .

14. What document do graduates receive at the end of university course? – At the end of university course, graduates receive … .

**Ex. 8. Translate into English.**

1. В этом году (thisyear) я поступил в ГГУ и стал студентом первого курса факультета физической культуры. 2. Благодаря (thanks to) опытным (experienced) специалистам, работающим на 46 кафедрах нашего университета, наши студенты получают качественное (qualitative) образование. 3. Наш вуз может похвастаться 4 формами обучения: дневным и заочным обучением, подготовительными курсами, а также аспирантурой. 4. Главной задачей (the main duty) студента является учеба, посещение лекций и семинаров, а также успешная сдача экзаменов. 5. Хорошие условия нашего заведения способствуют (facilitate) успешной учебе и развитию студентов.

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