**OUR UNIVERSITY**

To join the University, traditional values, new approaches, flexible attitudes, a department, to be large enough, to offer, modern facilities, to retain, daytime training, extra-mural department, preparatory section, post-graduate courses, an aim, to call on, educational supplies, a hostel, attendance, compulsory, scholarship, analog and digital computers, to encourage.

II. Read the text and translate it into Russian.

This year you have joined the State University of Gomel named after Fr. Scorina. It was opened in 1969 on the basis of the Pedagogical Institute. It was the second University in Belarus.

For years our University has combined higher education founded upon traditional values with new approaches and flexible attitudes. That’s why we have various departments: the Department of Physics, Mathematics, History, Biology, Economics, Geology and Geography, Physical Training and Sports, Foreign Languages, Law and some others.

Our University is large enough to offer modern facilities for students. Besides, it retains a friendly atmosphere in which students feel they are important part of community. Four forms of training are offered at Gomel State University; they are daytime training, extra-mural department (or correspondence courses), preparatory section, post-graduate courses.

The University trains future teachers in various subjects, engineers and research workers.

The students of extra-mural department combine work and studies. The aim of the preparatory section is to help those who finished schools many years ago become students.

Students can call on a range of people and access a variety of services to help them study successfully. Our University has a good library. The students can get all sorts of educational supplies there. Reading halls, different laboratories with modern equipment are at the students’ disposal.

Many students of our University live in hostels.

The chief task of a student is to learn. Attendance at all lectures, seminars and practical classes is compulsory for all students. The course of study lasts five years. The academic year is divided into two terms. At the end of each term the students take tests on practical work and examinations on theory.

Students get practical skills in different laboratories equipped with modern devices. There is a computing centre at the University where the students are taught to work with computers. Advanced students carry out their research under the guidance of supervisors.

Many students receive scholarship that depends much on their grades.

As well as academic success, the social scene is an important part of life at the University. A friendly and relaxed environment encourages students to enjoy their time at University and at the same time extending their knowledge and talents, developing as individuals.