I. Read the text and decide: TRUE or FALSE.

Henryk Sienkiewicz is one of the greatest writers in Polish history. In 1891 he took part in a safari expedition at the heart of Africa. He also visited Northern Africa, saw the Suez Canal and Port Said – a big city in Egypt. He was the first Pole to receive the Nobel Prize in literature in 1905. He died in 1916 in Switzerland. There is the Henryk Sienkiewicz Museum in Oblęgorek which presents and popularizes the life of Henryk Sienkiewicz. "In Desert and Wilderness" is a popular novel written in 1911 for children and teenagers. It tells the story of two young friends kidnapped in Sudan, Staś Tarkowski (14 years old) and Nel Rawlison (8 years old). Today the book is very popular among young Poles, who are fascinated with the exotic adventures of Staś and Nel.

True or false:

(a) Henryk Sienkiewicz was a famous Polish historian. /......../

(b) He only visited the northern part of Africa. /......../

(c) He received the first Nobel Prize in Europe. /......../

(d) He died in the 20th century. /......../

(e) Henryk Sienkiewicz was born in Oblęgorek. /......../

(f) He wrote many books not only for adults but also for children. /......../

(g) Nel is six years older than Staś. /......../

(h) Staś and Nel experienced many adventures in Africa. /......../

II. Definitions*. Find an appropriate word for each definition.

DESERT , JUNGLE , BEDOUINS , MALARIA , CAMEL , MUSLIM , SLAVE , ISLAM

(a) (....................) – tropical forest with many large plants.

(b) (....................) – Arab tribes that tradidionally live in tents in the desert.

(c) (....................) – a large area of land where it is always very dry, and there is a lot of sand.

(d) (....................) – the Muslim religion, which was started by Muhammad.

(e) (....................) – someone whose religion is Islam.

(f) (....................) – a disease in hot countries you can get when a mosquito bites you.

(g) (....................) – someone who works for somebody for no money.

(h) (....................) – a large desert animal with a long neck and either one or two humps on its back.

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