Вопросы к итоговому экзамену

по страноведению США и Великобритании

1. The UK. The names of the country. Land and settlement. The main political and geographical regions of the UK.

2. Ancient Britain. Pre-Roman Britain. Celtic culture. The Roman period.

3. Anglo-Saxon England. Introduction of Christianity. King Alfred the Great and his legacy. The process of unification.

4. The medieval period. England during the Norman invasion. Magna Carta. Reforms and the English Parliament.

5. Britain in the 14-16th centuries. The Black Death. The Wars of the Roses. The Tudor dynasty. Henry VIII. Elizabethan Renaissance.

6. England in the 17th century. The Stuarts. The Civil war. The Cromwellian regime. The period of Restoration. The Glorious Revolution.

7. Great Britain in the 18th-19th centuries. Union with Scotland. The Industrial Revolution. The British Empire.

8. Modern Britain: the 20-21 centuries. The Commonwealth. Thatcherism. Brexit.

9. Ethnic identity: the four nations. Accents and social identity. British characteristics and attitudes.

10. The main religions in the UK. The Church of England. Religious conflicts in the Northern Ireland.

11. Political life in the UK. The style of politics. The main political parties in Great Britain. The role of monarchy.

12. British Parliament: customs and traditions. The House of Lords. The House of Commons. The modern Parliament.

13. The period of exploration and colonization in North America. The first settlements. The new England colonies. Settling the West. American values.

14. The War of Independence. G. Washington. Charters of Freedom and their role in establishing the foundations of the US political structure and ideology.

15. US territorial acquisitions. The Monroe Doctrine. The main symbols of the country.

16. The US in the 19th-20th centuries. The Civil War. Industrial Growth. The 1920s. The Great Depression.

17. The legal status of African Americans in 1860s-1960s. The Civil Rights Movement in the US. Martin L. King.

18. The three branches of American government. US Congress. American Presidency.

19. American political parties. History of the two-party system. Democrats vs Republicans. Liberalism and conservatism in relation to American political parties. Issue-oriented politics.

20. Elections in the US: primary and general elections. The Electoral College.