26 марта. 312+211 группа

**1. Ответьте на вопросы** **к тексту Hotel "Astoria" – письменно в тетради. Каждый вопрос и ответ перевести.( задания выполняем в тетради и приносим на проверку после карантина)**

l. What do you know about St. Petersburg? 2. Where is the "Astoria" hotel located? 3. When was "Astoria" erected? 4. Who was the architect? 5. In what square is "Astoria" situated? 6. Tell us about St. Isaac's Square. 7. What materials is the interior decoration of the hotel made of? 8. How many guest-rooms are there in the hotel? 9. What kind of guest-rooms are there in the hotel? 10. How is each guest-room outfitted? 11. What are the suites provided with? 12. What services has the hotel? 13. Tell us about a "Rent-a-Car" service. 14. Has the "Astoria" hotel a sauna, a swimming-pool and a fitness centre? 15. Are there a business centre and a conference hall? 16. How many restaurants are there in "Astoria"? What are they? 17. What facilities are there for leisure and recreation? 18. What information can you get at the service bureau? 19. What famous people stayed at "Astoria"?

**ТЕКСТ**

**Hotel "Astoria"**

St. Petersburg is a world-famous city and the second largest in our country. A visit to St. Petersburg is an unforgettable impression, but it will become more remarkable if you choose to stay at the "Astoria" hotel.

The hotel is located in the very heart of the city. The complex comprising two buildings was erected at the beginning-of-the-century style in 1912 by architect Lydwal. The hotel is situated in St. Isaac's Square with a prominent building of St. Isaac's Cathedral, a statue of the Russian Tzar Nicholas I and the Mariinsky Palace.

The interior decoration of the "Astoria" hotel is marble, fine wood, mirrors and antiques, metal and plastics used with good taste. Completely restored in 1987 - 1990 the hotel still evokes the beginning of the century with its parquet floors, interiors and crystal chandeliers. The lobby made in light forms makes an unforgettable impression on you.

The hotel has 436 guest-rooms for a total of 800 beds. They include several apartments, suites, double and single rooms. Apartments have a sauna and a kitchenette.

Most of the guest-rooms are double rooms. The rooms are elegantly furnished and most comfortably equipped. Each guest-room is outfitted with a T.V. set, a radio-set, a refrigerator and a telephone. The suites are provided with mini-safes and self-defrosting mini-bars.

The hotel has a service bureau, a currency-exchange desk, hair-dressing, barber's and beauty saloons, massage part, a souvenir kiosk, a hard-currency gift shop, a laundry, repairs and dry cleaning.

The hotel also runs a "Rent-a-Car" service. Cars can be hired without driver or chauffeur-driven. Payment is to be made in hard currency.

At the hotel you have at your service three restaurants: "Winter Garden" seating 140, "Astoria" -156 seats, "Angleterre" for 154 guests; a banquet hall for 132 seats, a grill-restaurant seating 60, two cabinets for 28 seats, several bars, cafes and buffets.

The "Astoria" hotel has a sauna, a swimming-pool and a fitness centre. There is a business centre which is equipped with all kinds of modern facilities and a conference hall seating 200, which is out­fitted with modern acoustic equipment and facilities.

The hotel courtyard is an ideal place for leisure and recreation.

At the service bureau you can get the necessary travel informa­tion. The clerks will help you in:

1. ordering newspapers and magazines as well as gifts and flowers which will be delivered to your rooms;
2. ordering any kind of public services;
3. ordering a taxi or renting a car;
4. reserving train, air tickets and obtaining tickets for the theatre and other entertainments, as well as in booking for excursions on group or individual services.

The "Astoria" hotel was considered the best in Russia. Many well-known political leaders, actors, singers, artists and poets stayed at this hotel. The English writer Herbert Wells lived in this hotel in 1914 and in 1934. Yesenin stayed there in 1925.