

Материалы заданий Олимпиады школьников «ЛЮМОНОСОВ» по комплексу предметов «Журналистика»

Комплексное задание по литературе и иностранным языкам

Задание по литературе

Роль второстепенных персонажей в пьесе Островского «Гроза»

Черты демонизма в героях М.Ю. Лермонтова

Человек и история в поэзии А.А. Ахматовой

Задание по иностранному языку

Text 2

In the Native American Navajo nation, which sprawls across four states in the American south-west, the native language is dying. Most of its speakers are middle-aged or elderly. Although many students take classes in Navajo, the schools are run in English. Street signs, supermarket goods and even their own newspaper are all in English. Not surprisingly, linguists doubt that any native speakers of Navajo will remain in a hundred years' time.

Navajo is far from being alone. Half the world's 6,800 languages are likely to vanish within two generations – that's one language lost every ten days. Never before has the planet's linguistic diversity shrunk at such a pace. It is not necessarily that all small languages are about to disappear. What makes a language endangered is not just the number of speakers, but how old they are. If it is spoken by children it is relatively safe. The critically endangered languages are those that are only spoken by the elderly.

Why do people reject the language of their parents? It begins with a crisis of confidence, when a small community finds itself alongside a larger, wealthier society. Quite often, governments try to kill off a minority language by banning its use in public or discouraging its use in schools, all to promote national unity.

Language is also intimately bound up with culture, so it may be difficult to preserve one without the other. Despite linguists' best efforts, many languages will disappear over the next century.

Is it true that (mark the correct answer):

1. The Native American Navajo nation is dying.

YES

NO

2. Most of Navajo children study English as a foreign language at school.

YES

NO

3. A language is considered to be endangered if it is spoken only by the elderly.

YES

NO

4. Governments usually try to save minority languages to promote national unity.

YES

NO

4. Should freedom of press be absolute? Why? Why not? Justify your viewpoint.

Text 7

Cities using closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) in public places have reported massive drops in crimes such as street theft. The public is impressed and the Government has provided extra funding to help towns buy the equipment. Despite this, CCTV could soon be overtaken by more advanced technology. The equipment in use today needs an operator, which means it is expensive. More importantly, the faces on the screen are not clear enough to be identified easily. Virtual Interactive Policing (VIP), a highly sophisticated system now in development, could change it all.

The new system uses computer software linked to video cameras to enable police officers to scan a crowd or street and automatically match the faces to a database of offenders. A variety of factors, such as the distance between the chin and the eyes, are analyzed, providing accurate matches within seconds. Although such facial recognition systems are highly reliable, their results are not yet acceptable in a trial in the same way that fingerprints or DNA analysis are.

Prototype systems are being used, but only by getting expert witnesses to confirm their accuracy. 'It's difficult if the courts are faced with pictures of a robbery and the person accused claims that the photo is not of him,' says Barry Irving, director of the Police Foundation. 'So we have launched an initiative to gain validation for these systems.' His team is also involved in a project to bring together police records and databases of images from security cameras in shops and banks.

To the police such technology is a big advantage. It gives them the ability to patrol without being physically present, which saves money.

Is it true that (mark the correct answer):

1. People are satisfied with CCTV.

YES

NO

2. VIP is a more sophisticated system than CCTV.

YES

NO

3. Fingerprints are acceptable in a trial.

YES

NO

4. CCTV has replaced the police.

YES

NO

9. Do you think that the Internet has already become the most important news medium? Why?

Why not? Justify your viewpoint.

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