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Дополнительное вступительное испытание

Текст № 15

1. Прочитайте текст и подготовьтесь к пересказу и беседе по его содержанию, ответьте на вопросы по тексту.

PHIL WORKS AT THE SUNSET INN

after Irvin Shaw

Philip Taylor stood on the wide veranda of the Sunset Inn and looked out over Lake Louise. It was a beautiful lake. In front of the Inn the guests of the hotel were swimming. There were several people lying under large beach umbrellas on the sand near the water reading magazines.

It was a perfect day. Phil wished it were four o'clock, so he could join the people on the beach. He had arranged to go swimming with the nice blond girl who came to the Inn the day before yesterday. Her name was Marjorie and he was going to meet her in the lobby at four. He was afraid that four o'clock would never come.

A car stopped in front of the Inn. More guests, thought Phil, as he watched closely to see who would get out of the car. Joe, the bellboy, hurried out to the car and brought the suitcases in. Two women were following him. Phil saw that they were middle-aged. He crossed the lobby and took his place behind the desk. "Good afternoon," he said in his best hotel manner as the two women came up to the desk. "Tell me, my good man," said the taller of the two women, "what are your rates¹ here?" Phil didn't like to be called "my good man." He knew at once that he was going to have difficulties.

"I can give you a very nice double room with bath for ten-fifty," he said smiling.

"Ten-fifty. You don't really mean ten-fifty a day! That must be a rate for a week. It's a shame these resort hotels mistreat the public! Don't you think so, Edna?"

"Yes, it's a shame," agreed Edna.

"I'm sorry, madam," said Phil, "but I'm sure you'll find the room very comfortable and the service excellent." "Well, I suppose, we'll have to take it, now that we are here." The

¹ rates - расценки

taller woman took the pen and filled in the form. Phil gave a key to the room to the porter. “Please, show these ladies to room 27,” he said politely. Joe put the key in his pocket and collected the luggage. The tall woman followed him with an air of authority² and Edna followed her like a dog behind his master. Trying to be nice to the public was a little difficult sometimes, decided Phil. He remembered the words of the manager. “Remember, the customer is always right.”

Phil looked at the clock on the wall. Ten minutes to four. Half an hour later Phil and Marjorie were walking on the beach in their swimming suits.

“It was awfully kind of you to ask me to go swimming this afternoon,” said Marjorie. “It’s nice that the employees of the hotel are so interested in their guests.”

“We like to have our guests feel at home³,” said Phil. He was going to add, “Especially if they are young and attractive,” but decided not to.

“Tell me, do you work at the Inn every summer?”

“This is the first summer,” answered Phil. “I want to go back home this autumn. Dad told me I’d have to earn some money this summer or I wouldn’t be able to go to the University.”

“What are you studying at the University?”

“It is civil engineering⁴. Dad wanted me to be a lawyer but I decided to be a civil engineer.”

“It must be interesting working in a hotel during summer.” Marjorie went on. “You must meet lots of interesting people.”

“I certainly do,” agreed Phil. “But there are times when it’s hard to be polite to people.”

He told her about the two women who had arrived. When he imitated the tall woman by looking over her dark glasses, Marjorie laughed until he thought she would never stop.

“What’s the matter? Certainly it wasn’t that funny.” Marjorie finally stopped laughing.

“Do you know who that woman is? That’s my aunt.”

“Oh, I’m sorry,” was all he could say.

“That’s all right. She’s like that, but she means well⁵. She came to keep an eye on me.”

Phil decided he liked this girl. She was certainly a good sport⁶ and pretty, too. He decided to ask her to go to the dance with him on Saturday night.

² with an air of authority – вид у нее был властным

³ feel at home – чувствовать себя как дома.

⁴ civil engineering – гражданское строительство

⁵ she means well – у нее хорошие намерения

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QUESTIONS

1. Why did Phil work at the Inn in summer?
2. What arrangements did Phil make for 4 o'clock?
3. What impression did the new guests make on Phil?
4. Why did Marjorie's aunt come to the hotel?
5. Why did Phil want to continue to see Marjorie?

⁶ good sport – (разг.) отлична девушка