**I. Прочитайте и письменно переведите текст**

Seven Wonders of the World are works of art and architecture regarded by ancient Greek and Roman observers as the most extraordinary struc­tures of antiquity. Only one wonder of the seven, the pyramids of Egypt, still stands today.

1. It was carved in the mid-5th century BC by the Greek sculp­tor Phidias. The colossal statue was the central feature of the Temple at Olympia, where the Olympic Games were held. It was considered to be Phidias’s masterpiece. The seated figure of the king of the Greek gods was 12 m in height and made of ivory and gold. An earthquake probably lev­eled the temple in the 6th century AD, and the statue was later taken to Constantinople, where a fire destroyed it.
2. The lighthouse, built in about 280 BC during the reign of Ptolemy
3. stood more than 134 m tall — about as high as a 40-storey building. A fire was kept burning at its top to welcome sailors coming to the Egyptian land. Storms and an earthquake had damaged the lighthouse by 955 AD; an earthquake completely destroyed it during the 14th century.
4. They consisted of several tiers of platform terraces built upon arches and extending to a great height. Accounts of their height range from about 24 m to a less reliable estimate of more than 90 m. Trees and colourful plants and flowers grew on the terraces, irrigated with water brought up from the Euphrates River.
5. A huge bronze statue of the Greek sun god Helios was erected in about 280 BC to guard the entrance to the harbor at Rhodes, a Greek island off the coast of Asia Minor. The statue stood about 32 m tall and according to legend, it straddled the harbor. An earthquake destroyed it in 224 BC.
6. Queen Artemisia built the tomb in memory of Mausolus, her brother and husband, in what is now southwestern Turkey. It was decorated by the leading sculptor of the age. An earthquake probably toppled the structure, and its materials were later used as building material. Only fragments remain of this tomb from which the word mausoleum derives.
7. They were built on the west bank of the Nile River at Giza during the 4th Dynasty (about 2575 to about 2467 BC). The oldest of the seven wonders, they are the only one remaining nearly intact today. Their white stone facing was later removed for use as building material in other places. According to the Greek historian Herodotus, ten years were required to prepare the site and 100,000 labourers worked thereafter for 20 years to complete the largest of them, which contains the king’s tomb.
8. An imposing temple in honour of the goddess of the hunt was built in what is now Turkey in the 6th century BC and rebuilt after it burned in 356 BC. Archaeologists estimate that the temple measured 104 m in length and 50 m in width. Its 127 stone columns stood more than 18 m tall. The temple was destroyed by the Goths in 262 AD.

**II. Установите соответствие между темами А—Н и текстами 1— 7. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую букву только один раз. В задании одна тема лишняя.**

1. The Pyramids of Egypt

 В. The hanging gardens of Babylon

C. The statue of Zeus at Olympia

 D.The mausoleum of Halicarnassus

E.The Apollo Belvedere in Vatican

F.The temple of Artemis at Ephesus

G.The Pharos of Alexandria

H.The colossus of Rhodes

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