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**Listening Comprehension**

**Listen to the dialogue between Agnes and her grandfather and decide whether the statements (1–5) are TRUE, FALSE or this information is not provided in the text – NOT STATED – according to the dialogue you hear. You will hear the text twice. Now you have 15 seconds to read the statements.**

**(Pause 15 seconds)**

**Now we begin.**

**Agnes:** Hey, Grandpa! What are you looking at? Who is this boy in this old photo? Ah! Is it you? Why are you swimming in boiling water? How are you still alive?

**Grandfather:** It's not boiling, silly! It's just warm. It's the cold temperature outside that makes all that steam. This is an outdoor swimming pool in Moscow. It was about minus thirty Celsius that day in January 1975.

**Agnes:** You went to Moscow in 1975?

**Grandfather:** I did! I was in my early 20s and an art student. There was this great museum in the very center of Moscow where I spent hours every day. Then I crossed the street and swam in this outdoor swimming pool. And guess what the air smelled like!

**Agnes:** Chlorine?

**Grandfather:** Chocolates!

**Agnes:** No!

**Grandfather:** Yes! There was a chocolate factory across the river from the swimming pool. And the air around it smelled so good! Why don't we go to Moscow for the Christmas holidays?

**Agnes:** That would be cool!

**Grandfather:** Listen, Agnes, do you have your phone with you? Google Swimming Pool "Moskva"!

**Agnes:** Sure! Let's see... Hey, it doesn't exist anymore!

**Grandfather:** What do you mean?

**Agnes:** There is this huge church that was built in its place.

**Grandfather:** Really? Hmm!...

**Agnes:** Wow, Grandpa! I've just googled swimming in winter in Moscow. There is this cool Walrus club – they cut a huge hole in the ice in a forest lake and swim in icy water! I've never heard of anything so cool! Let's do that!

**Grandfather:** You think your parents would allow you?

**Agnes:** We won't tell them!

**Grandfather:** Hey, Agnes, google that chocolate factory! It was called *Red October*. Does it still exist?

**Agnes:** Let's see... It does exist, but ... they moved it away from the center of Moscow.

**Grandfather:** No! It doesn't smell like chocolates there anymore?

**Agnes:** I guess not. But wait a second! They turned the old chocolate factory building into a tourist place! Look at these cool restaurants and shops! I would love to go there!

**Grandfather:** Hmm... There was another place I spent hours in – a museum of an 18<sup>th</sup>-century theatre. There was this aristocrat who turned his peasants into actors and turned the palace he lived in into a theatre. It was called... the Ostankino Palace. Is it still there? It has to be!

**Agnes:** Let's see... It is still there; it is still a museum...

**Grandfather:** Good!

**Agnes:** But ... it's been closed for reconstruction since 2013!

**Grandfather:** Are you sure it's still closed? It's been more than 10 years!

**Agnes:** Yup! You can see the park around it, but you can't go inside the museum!

**Grandfather:** Ah, well. When I was your age, *my* grandfather once told me – “When you get old, never go to places where you were happy as a young man. It will always be a disappointment because what you will never find there is your youth.” It looks like I'm old enough to start listening to my grandpa's wisdom.

**Agnes:** Sorry, Grandpa!

**You will hear the dialogue again in 30 seconds.**

*(pause 30 seconds)*

**Now listen to the dialogue again.**

*(Dialogue repeated)*

**Now you have 30 seconds to finish the task.**

**This is the end of the listening comprehension task. Now you can start working on your reading task.**