

Задание №3\_18

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**Unleashing the Power of Creativity**

I have always been an optimist and I suppose that is rooted in my belief that the power of creativity and intelligence can make the world a better place. And the life did not disappoint me - many times it proved me right.

For as long as I can remember, I have loved learning new things and solving problems. So when I sat down at a computer for the first time in the seventh grade, I was hooked. It was a clunky old Teletype machine and it could barely do anything compared to the computers we have today. But it changed my life.

When my friend Paul Allen and I started Microsoft 30 years ago, we had a vision of "a computer on every desk and in every home," which probably sounded a little too optimistic at a time when most computers were the size of refrigerators and cost as much as a new modern Japanese car. But we believed that personal computers would change the world. And they have.

And now, after 30 years, I am still as inspired by computers as I was back in the seventh grade.

I believe that computers are the most incredible tool we can use to feed our curiosity and inventiveness - to help us solve problems that even the smartest people could not solve on their own.

Computers have transformed how we learn, giving kids everywhere a window into all of the world's knowledge. And the only thing these youngsters should do is make the right choice, which is not always an easy choice. Computers are helping us build communities around the things we care about and to stay close to the people who are important to us, no matter where they live -- next door or on the other side of the world.

Like my friend Warren Buffett, I feel particularly lucky to do something every day that I love doing. He calls it "tap-dancing to work." My job at Microsoft is as challenging as ever, but what makes me "tap-dance to work" is when we show people something new, like a computer that can recognize your handwriting or your speech, or gestures, or one that can store a lifetime's worth of photos or home videos and they say, "I didn't know you could do that with a PC!"

But for all the cool things that a person can do with a PC, there are lots of other ways we can put our creativity and intelligence to work to improve our world. There are still far too many people in the world whose most basic needs go unmet. Every year, for example, millions of people die from diseases that are easy to prevent or treat in the developed world.

I believe that my own good fortune brings with it a responsibility to give back to the world. My wife, Melinda, and I have committed ourselves to improving health and education in a way that can help as many people as possible.

As a father, I believe that the death of a child in Africa is no less bitter or tragic than the death of a child anywhere else. And that it does not take much to make an immense difference in these children's lives.

I am still very much an optimist, and I believe that progress on even the world's toughest problems is possible - and it is happening every day. We are seeing new drugs for deadly diseases, new diagnostic tools, and new attention paid to the health problems in the developing world.

I am excited by the possibilities I see for medicine. And I believe that through our natural inventiveness, creativity and willingness to solve tough problems, we are going to see some amazing achievements in this area in my lifetime.

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**12. The narrator considers himself an optimist as he**

- 1) has a strong religious belief.
- 2) believes the world is perfect.
- 3) believes in the power of human mind.
- 4) knows how to develop one's creativity.

**13. After the narrator first used a computer he**

- 1) got fascinated with its size.
- 2) used it to solve his problems.
- 3) could no longer do without it.
- 4) was amazed at its unlimited possibilities.

**14. The initial dream of the narrator and his friend proved to be**

- 1) naïve.
- 2) manageable.
- 3) wishful thinking.
- 4) optimistic but unreal.

**15. The narrator believes that computers are perfect to**

- 1) be human friends.
- 2) create new fields of knowledge.
- 3) provide people with creative ideas.
- 4) be used as an instrument to solve human problems.

**16. The narrator "tap-dances to work" because he enjoys**

- 1) meeting new people.
- 2) watching dancing contests.
- 3) teaching people basic computer skills.
- 4) doing his job very much.

**17. The narrator believes that**

- 1) a lot of people in the world need help.
- 2) it is impossible to make the world better.
- 3) people in the world have too many needs.
- 4) the computer is the only way to improve the world.

**18. The narrator sees the development of**

- 1) new unknown diseases.
- 2) new methods in education.
- 3) new technologies in medicine.
- 4) new creative ways of thinking.