

ЕКЗАМЕНАЦІЙНИЙ БІЛЕТ № 10

*атестаційного екзамену з фахових дисциплін
на здобуття освітнього ступеня бакалавр
за спеціальністю 035 “Філологія”*

1. Written completion of the test.
2. Read, translate and analyze the text “The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine”.
3. Speak on the topic “Family relations”.

With Russian forces pushing deep into Ukraine, bombarding Kharkiv, Kyiv and other cities, and an unprecedented wave of western sanctions pushing the rouble down to an all-time low, it is hard for any of us to tear our eyes away from the news. But the currents of history that led up to this crisis are deep and complex, and understood in profoundly different ways in Moscow and Kyiv.

The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine by Serhii Plokhy is a great place to start reading up on the background to the crisis. It tells the story of this large but less well-known country without the Moscow-centric bias that many of us Russian speakers have long struggled to free ourselves of. It is learned and considered, but lightly written and leavened by anecdotes.

If you want to understand how Putin’s claims to be denazifying Ukraine are so offensive to ordinary Ukrainians, as well as his insistence that they actually want to be Russian, it’s important to read about the country’s experience in the first half of the 20th century, when Bolsheviks and Nazis alike rampaged over its flat terrain, killing millions upon millions of people.

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