





# Expedition 'Hansa roads'

## 1. Visitors' pavilion

**Information:** The Hanseatic League was a medieval German traders' organization, which gradually turned into an international political alliance of Baltic Sea and North Sea basin towns with approximately 300 participating towns. The aim of the league was to provide protection of mutual interests and promote oversea trading in Northern Europe. The flag colours of the Hanseatic League were white and red. These colours are still found in the coats of arms of old Hansa towns.



1 point

**TASK:** Which coat of arms belongs to the Koknese municipality?

## 2. Koknese castle ruins

**Information:** In 1965, the Pļaviņas hydroelectric power plant was built, and the water level in Daugava rose up to the castle foundation. Previously the castle ruins has been on a high hill.

**TASK:** How deep, in your opinion, is Daugava in this location?

**P.S.** Don't forget to enjoy the view!

Answer:



1 point

## 3. Cannons and Celtic crosses from Swedish times

**Information:** The Koknese cannons were made from cast iron in the 16th century. Each of them weighs at least a tonne. These cannons were fired for the last time in 1701, when the castle was taken over by Saxon and Polish soldiers. Then Saxons decided to blow up the castle, but the cannons sunk into Daugava and were lifted out at the end of the last century.

**TASK:** What is the total number of cannons at the Koknese park and Koknese castle ruins?

Answer:

1 point

## 4. Tea pavilion-gazebo

**Information:** During baron ruling times, at the southeast corner of the former town, right on the shore, there was a pavilion, which, according to an old servant at the manor, was built for the barons to watch ice drifts in Daugava.

**TASK:** Take a selfie in this location, so that Koknese castle ruins would be visible in the background!

1 point

## 5. Park

**Information:** The park was created in 1900, by the river Pērse estuary in Daugava. The park covers 18 ha. Several protected plant species can be found here.

**TASK:** It's math, guys! Solve this formula:  $y/6 - (x+x+7) + z$

X – number of ornaments      Y – number of poles      Z – number of planks – 76

**P.S.** The teacher always used to say: 'Remember the sequence of actions!'

Answer:

1 point





## 6. 'Pērse girl'

Information: The trail has brought you to the bank of river Pērse, where the memorial stone 'Pērse girl' tells about the legendary waterfall that was flooded in 1966.

TASK: Be a storyteller! Write your own legend about the reason for the girl's mourning.

Answer:



1-2 points

## 7. Manor complex

Information: Koknese manor complex consists of the estate manager's house, along with rubble stone stable and the former manor laundry house. From 1885 to 1887 these houses were managed by the writer whose surname is Blaumanis, there he acquired estate management skills. Today, this building is operated as Vidusdaugava forestry. There is a tavern located in the renewed building, whose name is also the name of the famous writer.

TASK: What is the name of the famous writer? Answer:

1 point

## 8. V. Jakobsons' fountain 'Faun's head'

Information: The fountain 'Faun's head' by sculptor Voldemars Jakobsons (created in the 30s) was located in the Koknese park, right by the river Pērse. After the construction of the Pļaviņas hydroelectric power plant and the flooding of Daugava, the fountain needed to be moved. Therefore, it was installed into a wall by the Koknese high school. In honour of the 10-year friendship anniversary of Koknese and the German town Wittingen, the fountain was restored in July 1, 2006.

TASK: Sing and film a song about a spring or water!

1-2 points

## 9. 'Catfish'

Information: Every spring in May, Koknese celebrates the opening of tourism season with the **Catfish Waking Festival**. On this day, Koknese inhabitants are invited to a holiday fair, street concerts and different events for both children and adults. The following events have become an integral part of the Catfish Waking Festival: Monk football, tug-of-war and weight lifting competitions, Nordic Walking, concerts and plays of amateur artists, and 18/9/7/1/2/9/11/5/23/5/5/11 – a parade of old-school bicycles and costumes.

TASK: If the words 'CATFISH SCULPTURE' are written like this: 3/1/20/6/9/19/8/19/3/21/12/16/20/21/18/5, then what kind of combination of words could be hidden in the text above?

Answer:

1 point

## 10. Wooden sculpture 'For eternity' by Ģirts Burvis

Information: Sculptor Ģirts Burvis made this wooden sculpture by giving a second life to four old oak tree trunks that are approximately 400 years old and have witnessed the building of the Koknese castle.

TASK: How high, in your opinion, could this wooden sculpture be?

P.S. On the other side of the road, only the basement and ruins of the foundation of the New Castle remain. The castle was built in 1894, for the owner of the manor, baron Otto von Löwenstern. During WWI, the castle was partially destroyed and was not restored after that. The rebels of 1905 used the basements of the New Castle to incarcerate the baron and his family.

Answer:

1 point



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