Ex.1

Ответьте на вопросы.

1. What is the sun for our life?

The sun is the most important source of energy for our life.

1. What could the sun provide for the mankind nowadays?

The sun could provide all the energy needed by a modern industrial society worldwide for the future.

1. When and why was a widespread enthusiasm concerning solar energy?

In the 1970s, there was widespread enthusiasm, and a genuine grassroots movement emerged in the U. S. in anticipation of an imminent transition to an economy based on the nuclear energy.

1. What is the main key to serious direct solar energy?

The main key to serious direct solar energy is that the sunlight first be focused, concentrated.

1. What are the problems associated with solar progress?

Sun does not always shine even in California and sun shines on every field and roof, rather than concentrating its blessings onto where only giant regional utilities and polluting energy companies tied to them have access to it, it can be an advantage for many more people than associated with those companies.

Ex.2

Определите, соответствуют или не соответствуют следующие утверждения тексту.

1. The sun is our most important source of energy. It’s true.
2. It could provide all the energy needed by a modern industrial society worldwide for the indefinite future; which «conventional» energy source  
   could do. It’s true.
3. In the 1970s, there was widespread enthusiasm, and a genuine grassroots movement emerged in the U. S. in anticipation of an imminent transition to an economy based on the nuclear energy. It’s true.
4. New solar technologies could easily have supplied a double-digit percentage of energy used by now. It’s true.
5. It was/is the prime example of confluence, rather than conflict, of environmental and economic wellness. It's true.
6. Expensive, high-grade focusing devices could have been available by easy mass-production in the 70s. It’s true.