## THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago, by Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China during the Qin Dynasty.

After subjugating and uniting China from seven Warring States, the emperor connected and extended four old fortification walls along the north of China that originated about 700 B.C. Armies were stationed along the wall as a first line of defense against the invading nomadic tribes north of China known as the Huns. Signal fires from the Wall provided early warning of an attack.

The Great Wall is one of the largest building construction projects ever completed. It stretches across the mountains of northern China, winding north and northwest of Beijing. It is constructed of masonry, rocks and packed-earth. It was over 5,000 km long. Its thickness ranged from about 4.5 to 9 meters and was up to 7.5 meters tall.

During the Ming Dynasty the Great Wall was enlarged to 6,400 km and renovated over a 200 year period, with watch-towers and cannons added.

The Great Wall can be seen from Earth orbit, but, contrary to legend, is not visible from the moon. Recently, it was elected as one of the New Seven Wonders of the world.

After reading the text correct the following statements

**a.** Qin Shi Huangdi built four fortification walls along the north of China.
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**b.** The Huns were armies that defended China against enemies.
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**c.** They lit fires for warming.
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**d.** Its height was between 4.5 and 9 meters.
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**e.** Legend says that it is not visible from the moon.
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## VOCABULARY

A. Choose words from the text to fill in the gaps in the following sentences. You may have to change the form of the words.

a) The Aztecs and the Incas were _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that used to live in the areas of Mexico and Peru.
b) My brother's favourite story is "The _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 's new shoes".
c) Ancient warriors used to use swords, spears, bows and arrows as _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ weapons against enemies.
d) George Bush was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ as the President of the USA twice.
e) After having it _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , the Johnsons will move into the old mansion they have just bought.

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B. Match the following words from the text with their definitions

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| to subjugate | _ _ _ _ | **a)** to begin |
| to originate | _ _ _ _ | **b)** an old story from ancient times |
| nomadic | _ _ _ _ | **c)** strong walls, towers etc that are built to protect a place |
| orbit | _ _ _ _ | **d)** to conquer, bring under control |
| to invade | _ _ _ _ | **e)** sb who moves from place to place |
| fortification | _ _ _ _ | **f)** to make bigger or longer |
| to extend | _ _ _ _ | **g)** the circular journey around the sun, the moon or another planet |
| legend | _ _ _ _ | **h)** to enter a country by force |

## GRAMMAR

**A.** Rewrite the sentences from Active voice to Passive or vice versa

**a)** The Great Wall of China was built by Qin Shi Huangdi.
*Qin Shi Huangdi built the Great Wall of China.*

b) The emperor connected and extended four old fortification walls.
Four old……

c) Signal fires from the Wall provided early warning of an attack.
Early warning……

d) The Great Wall was enlarged and renovated during the Ming Dynasty.
They……

e) The Great Wall can be seen from Earth orbit.
People……

f) Recently, it was elected as one of the New Seven Wonders of the world.
Recently, ……

**B.** Form sentences into the Passive Voice using the items given

1. *these coins / use / ancient Greeks*
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2. *famous paintings / keep / museum*
.....
3. *the statue / not make / marble*
.....
4. *my house / paint / next week*
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5. *the phone bill / already / pay / her father*
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6. *"Romeo and Juliet" / write / Shakespeare*
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