Foon Yew Trial 5

Comprehension (20 marks)

The Olympic Games is probably one of the best-known sporting events in the world. Thousands of athletes from many parts of the world participate in these games. They come together in the spirit of international goodwill and competition.

The modern Olympic Games are adapted from those held in ancient Greece. The Games are still held every four years, as in ancient times. But there are a lot of differences between the original games and the modern Olympics. In those days, wars were stopped so that the games could take place. But in 1916, 1940 and 1944 the Games were stopped because of World War I and World War II.

The original Olympics were always held in Olympia, Greece. Today, the Games are held in many different countries around the world. The earlier Games were only opened to Greek citizens and athletes from Mediterranean countries. However, the modern Games encourage all nations to compete. Another big difference is that women can now participate in the Games and receive the same honours as the men who win.

In the ancient Games, there were honours for cultural achievements. This is unknown today. Many activities included in modern Olympics were unknown in earlier times. These are bicycle, canoe and yacht racing, soccer, basketball, judo, rifle shooting, water polo, hockey and volleyball.

One of the most popular events in the modern Olympics is the marathon. This is a very strenuous foot race in which the runner runs 5500 metres in an open course. This race is the supreme test of the runner's endurance. The marathon was not part of the ancient Olympics.

Today, the Olympic Games are international. The achievements of the many athletes are recognized all over the world. Many men and women see it as a great honour when they are chosen to represent their countries in the Olympic Games.

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

1. What do you think is the main purpose of the modern Olympic Games?

   a) It is for athletes from all over the world to have friendly matches.

   b) It is to measure the ability of athletes.

   c) It is for the spirit of international goodwill and competition.

   d) It is to honour cultural achievement.

2. How often are the modern Olympic Games held?

   a) Four times a year

   b) Once every four years

   c) Annually

   d) Biennially

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3. Why were the Games not held in 1916, 1940 and 1944?
   a) Because of World War I
   b) Because of World War I and II
   c) Because of a pandemic
   d) Because of World War II

4. In which country did the Olympic Games first originate?
   a) Olympia
   b) Mediterranean
   c) Greek
   d) Greece

5. Do you think women were allowed to participate in the original Olympics?
   a) Yes, they were.
   b) No, they weren't.

6. All is true about the marathon race except...
   a) It is a tough race.
   b) It is a race on foot.
   c) It is one of the popular events in the ancient Olympics.
   d) Runners need to run in a 5.5-kilometre-race.

7. State the word in the passage that means 'the ability to withstand hardship'?
   a) honours
   b) strenuous
   c) supreme
   d) endurance

8. How do the atheletes feel about themselves when they are chosen for the Games?
   a) privileged
   b) stressed
   c) exhausted
   d) depressed

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9. These are differences between the ancient Games and the modern Olympic Games, except....
   a) There are honours for cultural achievements in modern Oympics.
   d) Women were not allowed to participate in ancient Olympics.
   c) Yacht racing is introduced in modern Olympics.
   d) Ancient Olympics were only held in Olympia.

10. Choose the synonym of the word 'athletes'.
   a) competitors
   b) players
   c) sportspeople
   d) runners

Cloze Text (10 marks)

The storm lasted _____ (1) an hour. Out of sheer boredom, the boys _____ (2) asleep. When they woke _____ (3), they realised it was five in _____ (4) evening. They had slept for nearly seven hours. The sound of the rain could _____ (5) longer be heard but what was more puzzling was that it was already pitch dark in the cave. Both of _____ (6) groped their way to what they thought was the entrance to the _____ (7). They were trembling _____ (8) the wind was fierce. They wondered if they would ever return _____ (9) their comfortable homes again. All they could do _____ (10) to pray for help to come.

Fill in the blanks with the **synonyms** of the underlined words. (5 marks)

1. Non-members are not permitted to enter the meeting room. _____
2. The girl were complimented for their cleanliness. _____
3. They were thoroughly soaked in the rain. _____
4. The nurses helped the doctor in the operating theatre. _____
5. He is confident that he will win. _____

Fill in the blanks with the **antonyms** of the underlined words. (5 marks)

1. The judge believed he was guilty of the crime. _____
2. Yvonne is willing to take up the position of the monitress. _____
3. That is the only entrance to the zoo. _____

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4. The modern buildings changed the skyline of Singapore. _____
5. Neil Armstrong descended on the moon's surface on July 16, 1969. _____

Change the underlined words into the PLURAL form. (5 marks)

1. The sheriff ran after the thief. _____
2. I take at least a bath each day. _____
3. The bookshelf contains children's books. _____
4. That is an amazing discovery. _____
5. The salmon looks very fresh. _____

Tenses (20 marks)

1. A baby usually _____ (cry) when it is hungry.
2. It _____ (rain). We have to stay at home.
3. _____ Ingrid _____ (come) to school yesterday?
4. The spectators _____ (cheer) when the team scores a goal.
5. Every day, the train _____ (not leave) until 9a.m.
6. Sarah turned to June and _____ (grab) her arm.
7. We _____ (pay) my grandparents a visit in Melaka soon.
8. As the musicians sang, the girls _____ (dance) happily.
9. _____ Joyce _____ (not wait) for you outside now?
10. Mr Chen and his son _____ (chat) on the telephone at the moment.
11. The food here usually _____ (taste) good.
12. She _____ (reply) his letter tomorrow.
13. _____ you _____ (attend) the dinner this coming Sunday?
14. My grandmother _____ (visit) us often when she was alive.
15. It was too late when he _____ (discover) that he had cancer.
16. Usually, she wears T-shirts and jeans but today she _____ (wear) a dress.
17. Listen! Someone _____ (shout) out your name.
18. _____ Uncle Bill _____ (play) golf?
19. We _____ (swim) tomorrow, shan't we?
20. He _____ (draw) a picture later when he is free.

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