Part II - READING COMPREHENSION (B)

Read the following passage carefully and answer question 2 in English. Hebrew or Arabic will not be accepted in this part of the test.

Hi-tech Fitness

I

Most traditional video games have encouraged the 168 million Americans who play them to sit motionless on a sofa. In these games, the onscreen characters do all of the work. Today, Dance Dance Revolution, or DDR as it's called, is the most popular of a growing number of games that demand physical activity.

II

DDR has sold more than 4 million copies since 2001. The company which created it has released 10 different games with updated music. Dance Dance Revolution is similar to the popular disco game that includes a colourful glass dance floor. It is simple to play but difficult to master. Players plug in the dance mat (there are a variety on the market for about $30) and step on the correct square that they see on the screen. Each song brings a new challenge with more complicated steps, and the game allows two players to compete at the same time.

III

"This physically interactive game makes people exercise as they play," says Jason Enos, producer of the game, "so it's easy to forget that you're getting a workout while you play". This unique ability has caught the attention of schools, doctors and researchers who have begun to use DDR to fight obesity and inactivity. The game even includes a workout mode that counts calories burned while playing.

IV

In California, several 24-hour fitness clubs have installed DDR games and dance pads in their clubs. By next year, 765 public schools in West Virginia will have Dance Dance Revolution games and dance mats available for students to play before and after school as well as part of physical education classes.

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2. ***Answer the following questions.*** (30 points)

a. How is DDR different from traditional video games? (paragraph I)

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b. ***Match [A] to [B] according to the text.***

A	B
a. the millions of Americans who play video games	(i) 10
b. the average price for a dance mat	(ii) 765
c. the number of games which have been released	(iii) 168
d. the number of schools which will have DDR games	(iv) 30

(a)_____ (b)_____ (c)_____ (d)_____

c. ***Tick the THREE correct answers according to paragraph II.***

How do players play DDR?

- ☐ (i) Sit on the sofa and relax.
- ☐ (ii) Plug it into the electricity.
- ☐ (iii) Change into sports clothes.
- ☐ (iv) Sing along with the song.
- ☐ (v) Watch the television screen.
- ☐ (vi) Step on the correct squares.

d. ***Tick (✓) the correct answer according to paragraph III.***

What makes Dance Dance Revolution so special?

- ☐ (i) You sit on the sofa and watch dancers.
- ☐ (ii) You listen to your favorite songs.
- ☐ (iii) You get a workout while you play.

e. ***Finish the sentence according to paragraph III.***

What benefit do schools, doctors and researchers see in DDR?

It can be used to _____.

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f. ***Read the main ideas below. Write the paragraph number that each main idea refers to.***

Main Idea	Paragraph
1. How to play DDR.	
2. The health benefits of DDR.	
3. The difference between traditional video games and DDR.	
4. Public places where DDR can be found.	

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