

Part 5

Questions 35 - 40

You are going to read a newspaper article about sports.

Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A - H) to fit each gap (35 - 40). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

For each question, mark the correct answer (A - H) on your answer sheet.

SPORTS AND ME

My parents encouraged me to play lots of sports while I was growing up. I was far better at some than others!

When I was five years old, my mother signed me up for tennis classes.

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 During my first lesson, the coach sent a tennis ball flying into my cheek by mistake! That was when I started to have a fear of tennis balls. That ended my **mother's dream of seeing me become a tennis star.**

When I was seven, my father bought badminton rackets for my brother and me.

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 Despite my best efforts, I just **couldn't** get my serve right. It was no surprise that the practice sessions ended shortly after that.

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 I tried another sport, netball. It was one of the few that I really enjoyed playing. I even got selected for the school team at the age of 11. From there on, I spent hours learning the correct way to pass and catch the ball.

Even though I was very short, I played in 'goal defence' position in competitions. At one competition, I tried very hard to block an extremely tall goal shooter.

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 This defeat made me question if netball was the right sport for me.

The only sport that I'm interested in now is taekwondo. I was 12 years old when I first joined my taekwondo club. I was the smallest in the class, but I enjoyed the activities every week. There were times when I got injured and hurt my ankle during training sessions.

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 I attended all the weekly taekwondo classes and passed all the tests.

With time and effort, I finally received my black belt and managed to win several prizes in competitions.

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I hope one day I'll be able to join the Malaysian team and make my country proud.

- A He took us to a nearby sports centre to learn the basics.
- B I can never forget those scary experiences.
- C Instead of giving up, I decided to train even harder.
- D But my search for a sport was far from over.
- E **But I don't want to stop** there.
- F **It wasn't easy and we lost the** game.
- G She thought it was a great idea, but she was wrong.
- H It took a long time to recover.

[6 marks]

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