

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

37. 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. 38. 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. 39. 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. 40. 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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