

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

SECTION A - COMPREHENSION

PSR 2016

Read the passage carefully.

SOCCER



Soccer is one of the most popular games around the world. It is a sport played between two teams of eleven players.

Soccer is played on a field that has goal post at either end. There is a net behind the goal post. The idea of putting a net behind the goal post was started by a man named John Alexander Brodie and the first football net was used in 1891. The net catches the ball when ¹it goes into the goal. The ball used in soccer is round and is **inflated** with air.

Teams score a goal when a player kicks the ball into the net. That would be easier if there wasn't a goalkeeper or goalie. The goalkeeper's role is to stop the ball from going into the net. ²He is the only player who can pick up the ball. All the others have to play it with ³their feet or their head.

Every person in a team has a role. The striker's role is to score goals. The forwards are to get the ball to the strikers. The midfielders are to attack and defend whereas the fullbacks and the goalie are to defend only.

The most famous soccer event in the world is the World Cup. The World Cup **championship** has been awarded every four years since the **inaugural** tournament in 1930. During the World Cup finals, thirty two teams compete for the title at **venues** within the host nation over period of about a month.

The World Cup is the most widely viewed sporting event. When teams play millions of people watch the matches on television. People from all over the world **thronged** to the host nation to watch **⁴their** favorite teams play.

The recent World Cup event was held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in 2014. The current champion is Germany which won **⁵its** fourth title at the 2014 tournament. The next two World Cups will be hosted by Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

Questions 1-5

Look at the words that are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answers in the spaces provided.

Eg : **It** is one of the most popular games in the world.

It - soccer _____

1. **¹it** - _____

2. **²He** - _____

3. **³their** - _____

4. **⁴their** - _____

5. **⁵its** - _____

(5 marks)

Questions 6 -10

Underline the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the passage.

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| 6. 'inflated' | means | a. decreased
b. deflated
c. filled
d. poured |
| 7. 'championship' | means | a. competition
b. fight
c. quarrel
d. war |
| 8. 'inaugural' | means | a. the end
b. the final one
c. the first one
d. the last one |
| 9. 'venues' | means | a. currencies
b. customs
c. languages
d. location |
| 10. 'thronged' | means | a. disappeared
b. escaped
c. flocked
d. fought |

(5 marks)

Questions 11-15

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

11. How many soccer players are there in each team?

12. Why there is an idea of putting net behind the goal posts?

13. What is the role of the midfielders?

14. Where and when will the World Cup be held?

15. Why do you think soccer is watched by more people on television than any other sports?

(5 marks)

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