SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ali, Ben and David were playing soccer at a field near their house. The three friends had been playing the same sport every day since the beginning of school holidays.

Suddenly, they heard a loud cry, "Help! Help! My handbag has been stolen!" David stopped the rolling ball and the three boys looked towards the direction of the cry. They saw a man dressed in a black shirt and torn jeans running at top speed with a red handbag in his hand.

Realising what had happened, Ben shouted, "Let's catch the robber!" Immediately, they started their chase. Ali, being the fastest runner, caught up with the robber and pulled his shirt to stop him, but the robber managed to escape with a rip in his shirt. The three boys were losing sight of him.

When it seemed like all hope was lost, Ben, who had been running with the soccer ball in his hands, placed it quickly on the ground. He took a few steps back. With one swift kick, Ben sent the ball travelling through the air. It hit the robber on his head and he collapsed to the ground. Ben jumped for joy. Ali then looked at Ben and smiled.

The blow from the ball was so hard that the man fell unconscious. David whipped out his mobile phone to call the police. Meanwhile, his friends held the man firmly to the ground. A lady came running towards them and retrieved her stolen handbag.

"Thank you very much for your kindness," the lady said.

That was a school holiday they would never forget.

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For Q41-42, write each answer in a complete sentence.

41. What kind of sport had the three friends been playing during the school holidays? [1m]

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42. What does the word 'It' in line 14 refer to? [1m]

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For Q43, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

43. Ali pulled the robber's shirt to _____. [1m]

(1) rip his clothes
(2) help the robber in his escape
(3) stop the robber from running away
(4) prevent the robber from falling down ( )

For Q44-45, read each statement and tick ✓ **'True'** or **'False'**. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	**A handbag was stolen.**	✓	
44.	The lady appreciated the boys' help.		
45.	The police arrived before the boys caught the robber.		

Score:	/ 5

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46. Write one word from paragraph 4 (lines 12-16) which has the same meaning as 'fell down suddenly'. [1m]

For Q47-48, tick ✓ whether the statements describe **Ben** or **David**. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Ben	David
Example	**Ran with the ball in his hands.**	✓	
47.	Stopped the ball from rolling.		
48.	Suggested chasing the robber.		

49. Put the following events in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write **1**, **2** and **3** on the lines. [1m]

_____ Ben jumped for joy.

_____ David called the police.

_____ Ali smiled at his friend.

For Q50, write your answer in a complete sentence.

50. How did Ben stop the robber from escaping? [1m]

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