

P6 Practice Paper 12

Comprehension

Chess is called the game of kings. It has been around for a long time. People have been playing it for over 500 years. Chess is based on an even older game from India. The chess we play today is from Europe.

Chess is a two-player game. One player uses the white pieces, the other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game ends when a player loses his or her king. There are a few more rules, but those are the basics.

Some people think that chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next. These skills are useful in life and in chess. Chess is kind of like a workout for the mind.

You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess. There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. In blitz chess, each player gets 10 minutes to use for the whole game. Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the clock after your move. This stops your clock. It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast-paced.

Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since the 1970s. At first, they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on, they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time. It was a computer called Deep Blue. Deep Blue was big. It took up a whole room. By 2006, a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess surely has come a long way, don't you think so?

1. What is the author's purpose in writing the second paragraph?
 - a) To explain the rules of chess
 - b) To compare different types of games
 - c) To talk about game pieces
 - d) To persuade people to play chess
2. Which is **not** a reason that chess is a good workout for the mind according to the text?
 - a) Good chess players think about what will happen next.
 - b) Good chess players take a lot of risk.
 - c) Good chess players take their time.
 - d) Good chess players use their brains.
3. How long have people been playing chess?
 - a) Over 100 years
 - b) Over 500 years

- c) Over 1000 years
 - d) Over 5000 years
4. Where did the game that chess is based on come from?
- a) Europe
 - b) America
 - c) India
 - d) All of these.
5. Which best describes the main idea in the 4th paragraph?
- a) This paragraph argues that players should think less.
 - b) This paragraph explains how blitz chess is played.
 - c) This paragraph explains time clocks work.
 - d) This paragraph describes many different ways to play chess.
6. How does a game of chess end according to the text?
- a) One player takes all the other player's pieces.
 - b) One player makes it to the end of the board.
 - c) One player becomes king.
 - d) One player loses his or her king.
7. Which happened first?
- a) Computers did not play chess well.
 - b) Deep Blue won an important game.
 - c) Cell phones got good at playing chess.
 - d) Deep Blue took up a whole room.
8. How is blitz chess different from regular chess?
- a) Each player has two kings.
 - b) Players are blindfolded.
 - c) Players only have 10 minutes to play.
 - d) Players start from a random position.
9. If it's your turn in blitz chess, what happens when you hit the clock?
- a) Both your clock and the other persons clock keep running.
 - b) The other persons clock stops running an yours starts.
 - c) Both clocks stop running.
 - d) Your clock stops running and the other persons clock begins.
10. When did the computer first beat a strong human player in chess?
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| a) 2006 | b) 1997 |
| c) 1970 | d) 1976 |

Write the plural form of the words in brackets.

1. The _____ (aircraft) are kept in the hangar.
2. Several _____ (celebrity) were seen at her wedding ceremony.
3. Both sets of _____ (in-law) stood on the stage for the toasting event.
4. The heavy _____ (suitcase) will be taken to your room by the porter later.
5. Many innocent _____ (life) were sacrificed in the war.

Write the synonym of the underlined word.

1. You should always reply politely. _____
2. Would you tell me a story, grandpa? _____
3. Maybe, we can go outside after lunch today. _____
4. Jimmy had to clean his filthy bathroom. _____
5. They were having so much fun; they were giggling. _____

Write the antonym of the underlined word.

1. Please draw thick lines on this paper. _____
2. Put the lid on tightly so it won't leak. _____
3. My brother found a dead bird in our yard. _____
4. If you drop a potato in water, it will sink. _____
5. He won the competition! _____

Cloze Passage 1

Plants begin as (1) _____. For a seed to become a plant, the seed will need to germinate. Oxygen, (2) _____ and sunlight, along with the right temperature are needed for a seed to germinate. Once the seed is germinated, the (3) _____ will be able to grow. A plant can grow for weeks, months, years or even many, many years depending on the type of plants. Some plants will then flower or develop cones, blossoms or seeds. Some plants produce the fruits, grains and vegetables that we (4) _____. The fruit of the flower will release seeds and with a little help from insects, (5) _____ and the wind, the seeds scatter on the ground. The plant life cycle will start all over again. Some plants have a short life cycle and some plants have a long life cycle. The life cycle of a plant never ends even if a plant dies.

Cloze Passage 2

It was a (1) _____ day and I wanted to fly my new kite. I went to the park to fly my kite and I asked my friend to go (2) _____ me. My friend said he could bring his kite (3) _____. There were many other people at the park. They watched (4) _____ fly our kites. We had to run holding the strings and then our kites went up, up, up in the sky. My friend's kite flew as high (5) _____ mine. I knew it was going to be a great day.

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1. Someone _____ (break) my window pane yesterday.
2. My little brother, although he is young, _____ (know) the way to school.
3. After we had sung the birthday song, she _____ (blow) out the candles.

4. Joshua _____ (say) that he was coming.
5. _____ anyone _____ (not want) to join the fishing trip?
6. The scouts _____ (not plan) any activities for indoor so they were left with nothing to do when it rained.
7. Osman is driving while his wife _____ (take) a nap.
8. The country _____ (prosper) under the reign of a wise king many years ago.
9. Jessie _____ (not join) us at the party this Sunday.
10. I _____ (discuss) this matter with the for teacher tomorrow.
11. _____ the students _____ (take) their class photo at the end of this year?
12. The participant _____ (sing) so powerfully that the audience gave her an standing ovation.
13. Watch out! The car _____ (come) your way!
14. At the moment, everybody _____ (sit) for their online quiz.
15. The policemen _____ (not manage) to catch the assailant yesterday.
16. _____ you _____ (read) the email now?
17. I _____ (not believe) in Sam because he has always been untruthful.
18. The baskets of fruit in the fridge _____ (belong) to Aunt Sarah.
19. _____ (Be) you late for the practice this morning?
20. Miss Joyce _____ (work) as a pharmacist here.