Extra Training

Use of English
Task 848

Read the text, then choose the suitable word for each blank and drag it into the correct sentence.
Mind there are more words given than you need!!!

FROM THE HISTORY OF OLYMPIC GAMES.

In 776 B.C. the first Olympic Games were held at Olympia in the south of Greece to honour the Greek chief God Zeus. The Greeks emphasized physical _____ **(1)** and strength in their education of youth. Therefore, contests in running, jumping, discus throwing, boxing and horse racing were held in individual cities, and the winners _____ **(2)** every four years at Olympia. Winners were _____ **(3)** honoured by having olive wreaths placed on their heads and having poems sung about their deeds. Originally these were held as games of _____ **(4)** and any wars in progress were halted to allow the games take place.

Renewal of the Games came in 1896. The first Olympiad was held in Athens and followed the pattern set by the ancient Olympic Games. Since then, some events, _____ **(5)** marathon race, have been added, and also the inclusion of women, and the series of winter sports made the games much more interested.

In 1896 the International Olympic Committee was set up. It is the central policy-making body of the Olympic movement, formed by the representatives _____ **(6)** participant countries.

Much importance is attached to the _____ **(7)** ceremony. At the opening of the Games the Intentional Olympic Committee appears as host. The national anthem of the host country is played, and all the participants march past the Lodge of Honour. The Head of the host country _____ **(8)** the Games open, then the Olympic flag is raised and the Olympic hymn is sung. Then the Olympic flame is lit that will burn till the end of the Games.

The Olympic flag has five coloured interlaced _____ **(9)**, representing five parts of the world, on a white background. The importance of the Olympic Games was well expressed by Coubertin: The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take _____ **(10)** just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle.

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