



1. What is the writer doing in this text?
 - A. describing how Andy made it as a professional player
 - B. arguing the importance of encouraging children to play sport
 - C. showing how success has improved Andy's life
 - D. explaining how Andy became so good at basketball

2. Why did Andy have to help his brothers with schoolwork?
 - A. They couldn't concentrate at school.
 - B. He was the only family member who could help them.
 - C. Their mum was too busy to help them.
 - D. They had health problems.

3. How did Andy end up playing for a national team?
 - A. Their coach saw him play for his school team.
 - B. His school team beat a professional team.
 - C. Andy's school coach recommended him to them.
 - D. He scored the winning points against his school team.

4. What does Coach Brayden believe?
 - A. Andy is the most talented player in the team.
 - B. Andy's success has not changed him as a person.
 - C. Andy sometimes has problems with his teammates.
 - D. Andy's past has made him try harder to achieve his goals.

5. What might Andy say about his life?
 - A. Coach Brayden helps him remember to be a nice guy.
 - B. He realised early on that money is the most important thing in life.
 - C. He feels lucky he was discovered at a young age and made a lot of money.
 - D. His way of dealing with his difficult childhood led him to where he is today.

B Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (1-6). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Fiction Comes to Life

Flying broomsticks disappearing referees, magic spells and Quaffles... it could only be Quidditch, the sport of witches and wizards in the magical world of J K Rowling's Harry Potter novels. Fast and dangerous, Quidditch is played by two teams of seven players (1) _____, though they are sometimes knocked to the ground by another player or a magic spell cast by one of the spectators. The aim is to score points (2) _____, the Quaffle, through hoops. So, what are the rules of play? If you think it's something (3) _____, think again. Firstly, there are three goal posts at either end of the Quidditch pitch and there are four balls. Confused? Well, the Quaffle is used to score points, the two Bludgers are hit by players called Beaters and are the most dangerous balls, and the Golden Snitch is a tiny magic ball with wings (originally a real bird, until their use was banned from the game). The match ends when a Seeker catches the Golden Snitch, gaining 150 points for their team and usually winning the match. Sounds simple enough, doesn't it? Well, it's not. You see, there are 700 ways of getting a foul, so the referee really needs to be on his or her guard.

Now, (4) _____, Quidditch might seem the least likely fictional sport to be played in real life, but Muggle Quidditch has taken off on student campuses, only a little closer to the ground. The rules of Muggle Quidditch are close to the Quidditch of the Harry Potter novels. The players even sit on broomsticks—it's just that instead of flying, they run around with the broom between their legs. (It's obviously not a sport for someone (5) _____.) A volleyball is used for the Quaffle, Bludgers are dodgeballs and the Snitch is a tennis ball at the bottom of a long gold or yellow sock, hanging from the back of a Snitch Runner's shorts (6) _____. The sport was created at a college in Vermont in 2005 and is like fictional Quidditch with some rugby, dodgeball, lacrosse, tag and wrestling thrown in. It's a rough game with a lot of tackling. It has gained an enthusiastic global following, but is particularly popular in the US and Canada—and because fanatics of the sport take their fun seriously, there is even a Quidditch World Cup.

- A. by throwing a ball
- B. like an ordinary ball
- C. who fly through the air on broomsticks
- D. who takes themselves too seriously
- E. like football or basketball on broomsticks
- F. after scoring a point
- G. with magic birds and players flying through the air
- H. like a tail

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- What do you think of the sports activity described above?
- Can you think of any unusual sports?
- Why do you think people enjoy them?

