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class assignment

Reading (100 points)

Soccer (Fútbol) in Latin America

Soccer is the most popular sport in Latin America. It is called fútbol in Spanish and futebol (pronounced "foo-chee-bol") in Portuguese. Everywhere you go in Central and South America, you see people playing soccer, watching soccer, and talking about soccer. Children grow up learning about these traditions from their families and watching games with their communities. Most Latin American countries have national teams that unite fans all over the world!

Soccer has a long history. It was introduced by British citizens living in cities during the late 1800s. Early on, only the rich upper class enjoyed the game. But later, everyone adopted the sport because it takes very little equipment—usually just a goal and a ball. As a result, soccer brought people together in places where race or wealth separated them.

There are many famous soccer players on Latin American teams. Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pelé, is from Brazil and is one of the most skilled soccer players ever. Argentina has many famous soccer players, such as Di Stéfano, Moreno, Pedernara, Carrizo, and many others. Many people respect soccer players who have played well for their teams and their country. As some people say, for many around the world and in Latin America, fútbol is king.

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A) Answer the questions according to the text (10X10 = 100 points)

1- How is football called in Spanish?

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2- How is football called in Portuguese?

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3- What can you see when you go to Central and South America?

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4- What do children learn when they grow up in Latin America?

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5- Who introduced soccer to Latin America?

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6- Who was the first to enjoy soccer?

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7- Why did everybody adopt soccer eventually (בסופו של דבר) ?

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8- What is the original name of Pelé?

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9- Where is Pelé from?

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10- Who are Di Stéfano, Moreno, Pedernara and Carrizo?

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