

Get to Know An Athlete

Read the text below and choose the correct answer!

Kaka was born in Brazilia. From age 4 to 7, his family lived in Cuiaba, following his father, a civil engineer. At age 7, the family moved to the city of Sao Paulo, in the neighborhood of Morumbi, near the stadium of Sao Paulo FC. As FIFA says, "Kaka fails to fit the Brazilia stereo type of the kid from the Favela who first played the game in the street with a ball made from rags. Coming from comfortable and cultured family, Kaka kept up his studies as long as they were compatible with his profession."

His talent was soon recognized. A professor called the family and suggested enrolling him in a football school. At age 8, Kaka was playing with Sao Paulo FC, where he succeeded in all categories. At age 14, Kaka used to wake up two hours early, to keep up with his studies. Kaka meneged to conclude the intermediary cycle (eleven years) in Brazil, before dedicating exclusively to football.

In 2006, only 24 years old, Kaka was one of the main Brazilian players in the World Cup. Despite the abundance of good players, coach Carlos Alberto Parreira already said that Kaka would stars as a principle. The groups formed by Kaka, Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, and Adriano was called "the Magic Square" by Brazilian media fans.

1 Having recognized Kaka's talent, the professor suggested that ... in the football school.

- a) He spend his free time
- b) He accommodate
- c) He enroll as a member
- d) He practice more
- e) He become a supervisor



2 The main idea of paragraph 3 is

- a) His talent was soon recognized
- b) Kaka would stars as a principle
- c) "Magic Square" was formed by Kaka, Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, and Adriano
- d) A professor suggested Kaka's family enrolling him in a football school
- e) Kaka was one of the main Brazilian players in the World Cup

3 "His talent was soon recognized." (paragraph 2) The underling word is closest in meaning to....

- a) Registered
- b) Predicted
- c) Succeeded
- d) Managed
- e) Identified

4 Based on the last paragraph, we can find out that in 2023 Kaka is ... years old

- a) 40
- b) 41
- c) 42
- d) 43
- e) 44

5 From your answer to number 4 above, how long has he been playing soccer?

- a) 31 years
- b) 32 years
- c) 33 years
- d) 34 years
- e) 35 years