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Part I: ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXT

(70 points)

Read the article below and then answer questions 1-8.

STRANGE SPORTS

I When thinking about popular sports games and competitions, we usually think about sports that are well-known to most people. Among them are soccer, basketball, swimming and athletics. However, there are also sports that are much less well-known. These sports are sometimes extreme
5 or, at the very least, strange.

II While many of you have probably heard about field hockey and ice hockey, how many have heard about underwater hockey? This game is played underwater and the players wear diving equipment, which includes fins, a diving mask and a snorkel. They hit the disk with a stick, just as they do in
10 ice hockey. Although it is played in small swimming pools and the number of fans that can watch a game in real time is limited, it still has many fans in different parts of the world.

III “Dog surfing” is another strange sport. It started in California, a state that is well-known for its beaches and surfers. The goal of this sport is exactly the
15 same as that of regular surfing. However, in dog surfing, both the dog and its owner have to stay on a surfboard while catching the waves. Dog surfing competitions are held in California every year and they attract people from all over America.

IV Strange sports, however, can also be found on land. For example, in chess
20 boxing competitions, held indoors, participants have to be good at both chess and boxing. In every game of chess, the participant has to use his brain to play the game. Then, in every round of boxing, he can take a break from the mental effort of playing chess and do something physical. Fans enjoy watching this sport because it involves a combination of brains and muscles.

V There is also zorbing, which has been around since the mid-1990s, and is done
25 outdoors. All the participants have to do is to climb into a huge plastic ball and roll down a hill as it moves faster and faster. This sport is becoming more popular with new versions like snow zorbing and football zorbing. Thinking out of the box is the name of the game.

QUESTIONS**..... / 70 points**

Answer questions 1-8 in English according to the article.

1. From lines 1-5, we learn (–).

- i) why there are sports for less famous people
- ii) who plays in extreme sports games and competitions
- iii) which sports are considered very common
- iv) what makes sports games extreme

(7 points)

2. How are ice hockey and underwater hockey similar? (lines 6-12)

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3. What do we learn about dog surfing in lines 13-18?

PUT A BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.

- i) How it is done.
- ii) Which dogs can surf with their owners.
- iii) Who thought of the idea of dog surfing.
- iv) How often dog surfing competitions are held.
- v) Why surfers in California are well-known.
- vi) How the dogs are trained.

(2x7=14 points)

4. What makes chess boxing attractive? (lines 19-24)

- i) It is slower than chess.
- ii) It involves thinking and physical activity.
- iii) Players can break things.
- iv) It is played on land.

(7 points)

5. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

What do players have to do in a chess boxing competition? (lines 19-24)

(1) In chess, they have to use

(2) In boxing, they have to use

(2x7=14 points)

6. How is zorbing different from chess boxing? (lines 19-29)

i) It is a new sport.

ii) It moves faster and faster.

iii) It is played only in the snow.

iv) It is played outside.

(7 points)

7. “Thinking out of the box” (lines 25-29) means (–).

i) making new box games

ii) not thinking about boxing

iii) thinking of new names for games

iv) thinking differently

(7 points)

8. What is the main subject of the article?

i) Fans of strange sports.

ii) Unusual sports games.

iii) Strange people who play games.

iv) Brutal sports fans.

(7 points)

PART II: WRITTEN PRESENTATION**..... / 30 points**

Write **70-90 words** about the following topic:

Do you think it is important to study English? Give reasons to explain your opinion.

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