

Sports and Leisure

Part I TEST Частина «Читання» Reading

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A – H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The History of Football

1. _____

The first known examples of a team game involving a ball, which was made out of a rock, occurred in old Mesoamerican cultures over 3,000 years ago. According to the sources, the ball would symbolise the sun and the captain of the losing team would be sacrificed to the gods. The first known ball game which also involved kicking took place in China in the 3rd and 2nd century BC under the name *Cuju*. *Cuju* was played with a round ball on an area of a square. It later spread to Japan and was practised under ceremonial forms.

2. _____

The game was developed in England in the 12th century. That time, games that resembled football were played on meadows and roads in England. Besides kicks, the game involved also punches of the ball with the fist. It took, however, long time until the features of today's football had been taken into practice. For a long time, there was no clear distinction between football and rugby. There were also many variations concerning the size of the ball, the number of players and the length of a match. An attempt to create proper rules for the game was done at a meeting in Cambridge in 1848, but a final solution to all questions of rules was not achieved. Another important event in the history of football came about in 1863 in London when the first Football Association was formed in England. It was decided that carrying the ball with the hands wasn't allowed. A consequence of the London meeting was that the game was divided into two codes: association football and rugby.

3. _____

Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) became the first important competition when it was run in 1871. The following year a match between two national teams was played for the first time. The match that involved England and Scotland ended 0–0 and was followed by 4,000 people at Hamilton Crescent. Twelve years later, in 1883, the first international tournament took place and included four national teams: England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In 1908 would football for the first time be included as an official sport in the Olympic Games. Until the first FIFA World Cup was played in 1930, the Olympic Games football tournament would rank as the most prestigious on a national level.

4. _____

No other sport event besides the Summer Olympic Games can today measure itself with the FIFA World Cup. The first edition of the FIFA World Cup was played in 1930 in Uruguay and has since then returned every fourth year (with two exceptions due to the Second World War). In 1991 the first World Cup for women was held in China and has since then also returned every fourth year. Today the biggest global tournament for clubs is the Champions League (played since 1992), the former European Cup (1955–1991).

5. _____

In the late 19th century, only a few national football teams existed; England and Scotland had the first active teams that played games against each other in the 1870s. Today there are 211 national associations included in the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the world governing body of the sport. The number of nations participating in the World Cup qualifiers increased from 32 in 1934 to over 200 in 2014. The world regions have been divided into six confederations.

- A The great modern competitions
- B The first football clubs
- C Globalisation of the biggest sport in the world
- D Formations in football
- E Premier League history
- F The precursors of football
- G The first competitions
- H The game of football takes its form

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Olympic Games

For the ancient Greeks, the Olympic games existed since mythical times, but no definitive time of their inauguration can be identified with any certainty. The first Olympiad was held in 776 BC, and this is the year that provides the first accurate chronology of Greek history. The athletic games were held every four years during the second (or possibly the first) full moon in August, and the celebrations lasted five days.

Only free male Greeks were eligible to participate in the games, and they came from all corners of the Mediterranean, including colonies from Magna Grecia and the Pontus. Slaves and women were banned from the sanctuary under penalty of death. Women however were allowed to sponsor events, teams and athletes. In addition, a competition with exclusive events for boys were introduced in 632.

During the games warring Greeks had to cease all hostilities because it was mandatory to participate in peaceful assembly. To this end, officials from Olympia travelled ahead of time throughout Greece to announce the assembly and to proclaim the ceasing of all hostilities (for up to three months) so all participants could find safe passage to the sanctuary.

More importantly, the games reflected the Greek's ideals: a free individual who aspires to achieve excellence through a contest governed by just laws. Just like the games, Greeks in their everyday lives competed intensely with each other in the political realm, in the economy, and in the battlefield. They competed by placing enormous importance on the value of the individual, and by respecting the rule of law that was above all.

Initially, the games were a local affair and the only event was the sprinting race, but in the 8th and 7th centuries BC wrestling, boxing, and equestrian events were added, as well as the pentathlon (an event that combined running, long jump, discus and javelin throwing, and wrestling), and the pankration which was a vicious form of boxing with little to no rules. The Olympics in ancient Greece also included poetry and writing competition, and it provided a peaceful ground where Greeks discussed and forged agreements on military, commercial, and political matters.

Winning an Olympic event bestowed fame and great honour to an athlete. The winners were announced by a herald following each event, and they were rewarded with a wreath. Tradition holds that cities will welcome back their Olympic winners by symbolically destroying part of their defensive walls.

The modern Olympic revival began in 1896. Since then, the Olympics have occurred every four years in different countries (interrupted only by the two World Wars), and they have become one of the largest sports entertainment events in the world, drawing billions of dollars in revenues, and enjoying wide participation by the vast majority of nations. As a tribute to their ancient roots, before each Olympic event the Olympic flame is initiated in ancient Olympia, in the temple of Hera. In an imaginative choreography that depicts the ancient Vestal Virgins, the Olympic torch is inflamed by sun rays concentrated by a concave mirror on its tip. From Olympia then this flame travels in a festive race to the country which holds the games. The flame burns for the duration of the Olympics, and its extinguishing marks their closing.

6. Why was it necessary to proclaim the ceasing of hostilities during the early Olympic games in Greece?

- A The merchants could reach better contracts.
- B The athletes should have the possibility to get to Olympia without obstacles.
- C The second full moon in August was the best time for agriculture.
- D It was the only time when slaves were allowed to participate in the games.

7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?

- A Greeks shared the same values in sports and in political competitions.
- B Just laws were very important for the contestants
- C The concept of rule of law has become obsolete for the Greeks after the first games.
- D The concept of a free individual was one of the ideals of the Greeks.

8. What kind of sports was initially included into the games?

- A Pankration
- B Wrestling
- C Pentathlon
- D Running

9. How did the home city greet the winners of the games?

- A Ruining the walls
- B Awarding a wrath
- C Constructing a monument
- D Announcing the winner's name

10. Which of the following is true?

- A The Olympic flame starts its journey in the country which holds the games.
- B Sun rays are used to light the Olympic fire.
- C The extinguishing of the fire marks the beginning of the games.
- D The Olympic flame is lit in the temple of Zeus.

Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A – H) to (11–16). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Sport Courses at the University of Stirling

11. Our Sport Business Management course equips you to meet the industry's need for technically competent, customer-oriented and commercially-minded practitioners who can apply their knowledge across

the domestic and international sports markets. You'll graduate with core management skills and an understanding of key contemporary issues in sport business – from marketing to sponsorship, event management and corporate social responsibility. There are three key components to the course: sport management and technical expertise; business enterprise; and market awareness. Everything you study will be rooted in the needs of industry, and you'll be taught in realistic, sports-based working environments.

12. Our Sport Development and Coaching course will teach you about: sports in society, the science of sports performance, the nature of sports organisations, theory and practice of sport coaching and sport development. On completion of the course, you will be an independent learner capable of critical analysis and competent in communicating through a range of mediums, to a range of audiences. Furthermore, you will have laid the foundations for being an independent researcher preparing you for further study at MSc or PhD/ Professional Doctorate level.

13. Become a Sport and Exercise scientist with our BSc **Sport and Exercise Science** degree and you can transform lives and sporting careers. You'll learn from our experts in sport and exercise physiology, nutrition, genetics, medicine, health and physical activity. Our research and performance analysis laboratories enable you to develop your scientific and practical skills in a world-class learning environment. Our course will prepare you for the many career opportunities available in Sport and Exercise Science. Our BSc Sport and Exercise Science degree is delivered jointly by the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport and the Faculty of Natural Sciences, combining a wide range of expertise to ensure an unrivalled student experience.

14. Sport Nutrition is an increasingly vital part of elite sports and there has never been a better time to specialise, as recreational competitive sports and elite performance sports grow increasingly popular in the UK. The University of Stirling is one of only six universities worldwide approved to provide this Master's conversion course in sports nutrition. This course focuses on the science behind sports nutrition and is designed specifically for students who already have an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Diploma in sports nutrition and want to further their knowledge.

15. Sport Performance Coaching is the first course of its kind in Scotland. This innovative online Master's course gives experienced coaches the chance to improve their coaching knowledge and skills through cutting-edge best practice and research. The course is also suitable for coach developers who are seeking to enhance their work with coaches. This MSc Sport Performance Coaching degree will develop your critical analysis skills, improve your problem-solving abilities and teach you innovative solutions to coaching problems. You'll examine modern best practice in coaching from case studies, peers and leading coaches. Throughout the course, you'll examine and improve your understanding and practice of coaching, develop smart strategies and boost performance.

16. Sport degrees combined with other subjects. Interested in the management and delivery of sport? Wonder how psychology enhances sports performance? Considered the local and global importance and impact of sport? If you're thinking about a career in sports, a tailored Sports degree from Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence will help you be the difference. You can choose from modules exploring: Sports policy and management; Physical activity and health; Sports development and coaching; Sport, culture and society. In addition, our extracurricular volunteering opportunities and Sport Union clubs enable you to earn qualifications and gain valuable sport management experience alongside your academic degree.

According to the descriptions, which sport course at the University of Stirling _____?

- A** involves a major research component
- B** gives the opportunity to select modules from four subject areas

- C requires submitting a special application
- D can be taken at a very few other universities
- E is taught by the staff of two faculties
- F will provide you with the opportunity to study at the doctoral level
- G has three main elements
- H is delivered distantly

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A – H) the one which best fits each space (17–22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Snow Sports to Try instead of Skiing or Snowboarding

Dog Sledding

Dog sledding is a fantastic way of seeing the gorgeous landscapes around you on a personal tour across snow and ice. Sliding along in a sleigh is a dreamlike process (17) _____ nature and all the wonders it has to offer up close and personal.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is the fastest growing winter sport in the world, primarily because it is simple (18) _____ and inexpensive (compared to other snow sports). There are many levels of snowshoeing, whether you want to hike for pleasure, trek through the backcountry, or competitively race. Snowshoeing is a fantastic alternative for skiing.

Ice Climbing

Ice climbing is pretty much what it says on the tin – climbing ice. Ice climbing is very similar to rock climbing and uses ropes and crampons to ascend beautiful icefalls, frozen waterfalls, cliffs and frozen rock faces. In most resorts, you can take guided climbing lessons, which everyone can do (19) _____ of fitness.

Ski Biking

This is an awesome sport to try if you're a skier or snowboarder and fancy trying your hand at something a little different. It's similar to mountain biking, except on snow, with mini-skis instead of wheels, and you break and slow down by digging your feet into the snow! When on the nursery slopes, ski biking is really easy, it only (20) _____ when on steeper routes.

Mountaineering

Mountaineering (otherwise known as alpinism) includes a whole host of activities, including climbing, trekking, scrambling, and even crossing glaciers. Each resort (21) _____ terrain ready to be explored and discovered, just make sure you do your research before setting out. You can head out with someone experienced, or join a local tour group, either way, don't go out alone if you're a novice mountaineer.

Ski Touring

Ski touring is similar to backcountry skiing and is normally done off-piste and away from ski resorts. It has links to hiking and wilderness backpacking and often lasts more than one day. Ski touring involves sliding up a mountain wearing skins over your skis. When you reach the top, you can enjoy a brief moment to take in the beauty of the world, and then have an awesome off-piste adventure skiing down again. If you've never done ski touring before, make sure (22) _____ as it's important to have good navigation skills, an awareness of the risks of the mountain, and you must be able to assess the snow conditions to reduce the risk of avalanches.

- A providing you've got a good level
- B comes with its own unique

- C it is an incredible experience
- D to master and learn
- E you head out with an experienced team
- F to experience
- G try your hand at one of
- H starts to get more difficult

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Use of English

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23–32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

England Coach Neil Craig Hit by Bottle before Scotland Match

Eddie Jones (23) _____ that a beer bottle was thrown at his right-hand man Neil Craig. Six Nations organisers were (24) _____ after Eddie Jones claimed a bottle had been thrown at a member of England's backroom staff before Saturday's Calcutta Cup match.

Neil Craig, the RFU's head of elite performance and Jones' right-hand man, was struck on the head by a plastic bottle as the team arrived at Murrayfield. However, video footage on social media (25) _____ the strong winds may have been to blame, with a bottle landing on the team bus before being blown off. Scottish Rugby said an apology had been given (26) _____ the England team manager but said “there is no (27) _____ the bottle was thrown or intended to hit any individual”. Craig was unhurt by the incident.

England won the Calcutta Cup for the first time since 2017 after defeating Scotland 13–6, but Jones was unhappy with the (28) _____ reception his side received. Despite the terrible wind and rain, Owen Farrell was subjected to repeated boozing while taking (29) _____ at goal. Ellis Genge says calls for Eddie Jones to be (30) _____ were premature after England beat Scotland 13–6.

Jones had prepared England for a hard match in Edinburgh and the head coach was not disappointed at the end of a week during which aggressive language was (31) _____ between players. “We weren’t expecting beer bottles to be thrown (32) _____ us, so that’s a pretty good trick,” said Jones.

23	A	claimed	B	provoked	C	demanded	D	requested
24	A	searching	B	following	C	investigating	D	proving
25	A	recommends	B	suggests	C	submits	D	proposes
26	A	to	B	on	C	under	D	for
27	A	clue	B	data	C	documentation	D	evidence
28	A	friendly	B	hostile	C	welcoming	D	helpful
29	A	hits	B	kicks	C	punches	D	swings
30	A	invited	B	welcomed	C	encouraged	D	removed
31	A	shown	B	seen	C	exchanged	D	displaced
32	A	in	B	with	C	on	D	at

Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (33–42) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Garnacho's Great Goal

If Manchester United (33) _____ scored one more goal, they (34) _____ as the winner in their group and avoided two extra games in February. They were in complete control in the first half but did not manage a single shot on target after half-time. On a wet night in the Basque Country, Garnacho became (35) _____ youngest non-English scorer in Europe at the age of 18 years and 125 days.

Four weeks ago, the Argentina young player scored a winning goal for United's in the EFL Trophy, and last Thursday made his full debut in the 3–0 Europa League winning (36) _____ Sheriff Tiraspol at Old Trafford.

Ten Hag praised Garnacho's "great finish" a week after showing that he (37) _____ by the teenager's attitude earlier in the season. "He is still only young but he is doing very well", said Fernandes after the game. "(38) _____ the beginning of the season he was not at his best. He didn't have the best attitude that he should have on tour. But he (39) _____ his chances now".

Garnacho's goal was the perfect start for Ten Hag's team and the youngster (40) _____ with another opportunity but he missed it. Real Sociedad were missing several players because of injury. "We win today but of course we are disappointed we (41) _____ score two goals", added Ten Hag, whose team are unbeaten in their past nine domestic and European games. "We (42) _____ to wait for the draw. We have two extra matches and it's a hard season but we have a team, we have to deal with that and we will do".

33	A	have	B	had	C	has	D	haven't
34	A	would have advanced	B	will advance	C	would advance	D	won't advance
35	A	United	B	Unites	C	United's	D	Unities
36	A	with	B	over	C	beyond	D	ahead
37	A	was annoyed	B	is annoyed	C	will be annoyed	D	had been annoyed
38	A	In	B	Since	C	From	D	At
39	A	is deserving	B	will deserve	C	deserved	D	will be deserving
40	A	presented	B	was presented	C	is presented	D	presents
41	A	won't	B	hadn't	C	didn't	D	haven't
42	A	shall	B	should	C	must	D	have