

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

Qatar's handball championship

Handball became popular in Europe in the 19th century. The first World Men's Handball Championship was in 1938. The second was 16 years later in 1954 and since then it has been held in various countries, mostly in Europe. At first, the competition took place every three or four years but, since 1993, it has happened every two years. In 2015, the championship was held in the Middle East for the third time, this time in Qatar.

The Qatar team did better than expected but they did things that were unpopular. Qatar paid for 60 fans to travel from Spain. The Spanish fans are famous for being noisy and singing. Qatar's government wanted them to make a good atmosphere. Flights and hotels were paid for and the fans were told to support Qatar.

The competition was finally won for the fifth time by the French. Qatar was proud to come second, beating Poland and Spain. The Qatari team played well, but only four of their players were from Qatar. The other thirteen were given Qatari passports but were born in different countries. The rules of International Handball say that after a player joins another national team, he can't play for his home country for three years. Many people were very annoyed about this.

New stadiums were built for the competition, two in Doha and another in Lusail. Qatar is planning to use these three stadiums and build eight more for the Football World Cup in 2022.

For questions 1-3 please answer in complete sentences. (2 marks each)

1. In which continent did Handball first become popular?

2. How often does the World Men's Championship now take place?

3. When did the Handball Championship take place in Qatar?

For questions 4-8 (✓) the box. (1 marks each)

4. Qatar paid for some Spanish fans to come to the Championship.

True

False

5. Thirteen of the Qatar players were born in Qatar.

True

False

6. How many stadiums were built for the Handball Championship?

A two
B three
C eight

A

B

C

7. Which country won the 2015 Championship?

A Qatar
B Poland
C France

A

B

C

8. If a handball player wants to play for another country he must

A live in that country for four years.
B not play for his own country for three years.
C play at least 13 games for his new team.

A

B

C

Write the words in the box. (1 mark each)

9. Find the word in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

quiet (paragraph 2)

10. Find the word in the passage which means the **SAME** as:

angry (paragraph 3)

Read the three advertisements for gyms and answer the questions. For each question, choose the correct gym, A, B or C. You might need to choose each gym more than once.

A

All About Exercise

Want to get fit and have fun at the same time?
Come in for a free day. 18 years and over
Try our gym equipment and exercise classes.

Please book an appointment for your first visit.

Open 7 days a week
Mon to Sat 9 am — 9 pm. Sun 9 am — 5 pm
Prices on our website

We are looking for new staff in reception.
If you are interested, please phone **01787 673222**.

B

Be Fit and Fabulous

Come to the town's only gym that's just for women.

Gym equipment, fun fitness classes and
a new climbing wall.

Find us in the city centre.
Free parking

Open Mon to Sat 8 am to 8 pm (closed Sundays)

Membership starts from just £35 per month.

C

Cool Fit

Come and join our friendly gym. All the family welcome
Lots of fitness classes including Zumba, Aerobics and kids' classes
Swimming pool now open!

Only 15 mins walk from the city centre

Open 8 am until 9.30 pm every day
Fully qualified and experienced staff

Coffee shop on second floor: great music and great coffee
Please check our website or call for further information.

Tel: 04537 556688

Which gym,

All About Exercise

(A)

Be Fit and Fabulous

(B)

Cool Fit

(C)

.... is only for women?

example

B

.... has classes for children?

1

.... has a new swimming pool?

2

.... asks you to make an appointment?

3

.... is in the city centre?

4

.... is closed one day a week?

5

.... has a café?

6

.... wants to employ new people?

7