

**Read the following text and then answer the questions below:(9 Questions ,15 minutes)**

### **The Olympic Games**

Originally, the ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece, from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD. However, Baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894 and initiated the modern Olympic Games, the Olympiads. The first modern Olympic Games took place in Athens in 1896 with 280 participants from 13 nations, in 43 events.

As the decision-making body, the IOC is responsible for choosing the host city for each Olympic Games. The host city is responsible for organizing and funding a celebration of the Games. The Olympic program, consisting of the sports to be contested at the Games, is also determined by the IOC. The celebration of the Games encompasses many rituals and symbols, such as the Olympic flag and torch, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies.

The evolution of the Olympic Movement during the 20th and 21st centuries has resulted in several changes to the Olympic Games. Some of these adjustments include the creation of the Winter Games for ice and winter sports, them Paralympic Games for athletes with a physical disability, and the Youth Olympic Games for teenage athletes. The IOC has had to adapt to the varying economic, political, and technological realities of the 20th century.

At each event of the games, media exposure provides unknown athletes with the chance to attain national, and in some cases, international fame. The Games also constitute a major opportunity for the host city and country to showcase themselves to the world.

The 2020 Summer Olympics is an upcoming international multi-sport event scheduled to take place from 23 July to 8 August 2021 in Tokyo, Japan. Originally due to take place from 24 July to 9 August 2020, the event was postponed in March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite being rescheduled for 2021, the Games have retained the "Tokyo 2020" name for marketing and branding purposes. This marks the first time that the Olympic Games have been postponed to a later date rather than cancelled altogether.

The 2020 Games will mark the second time that Japan — and specifically Tokyo — has hosted the Summer Olympic Games, the first being in 1964, making it the first city in Asia to host the Summer Olympics twice. Overall, these will be the fourth Olympic Games to be held in Japan, which also hosted the Winter Olympics in 1972 (Sapporo) and 1998 (Nagano).

**1. The first modern Olympic games took place in Athens \_\_\_\_.**

- A. in the 4th century BC
- B. in the 8th century BC
- C. in 1894
- D. in 1896

**2. In Athens, \_\_\_\_ athletes took part in the events.**

- A. 13
- B. 43
- C. 280
- D. 1894

**3. One of the roles of the International Olympic Committee is to \_\_\_\_ each Olympiad.**

- A. choose which city will host
- B. determine the rituals in
- C. decide on the flag and torch of
- D. organize the closing ceremony of

**4. What are some of the changes to the Olympic Games?**

- A. No games are held in the 21st century.
- B. The Youth Olympic Games have been discontinued.
- C. Athletes of determination are not allowed to take part.
- D. Olympiads for ice and winter sports have been created.

**5. What realities made the IOC change in the 20th century?**

- A. Political only
- B. Technological, political and economic
- C. Economic, political but not technological
- D. Technological but not political or economic

**6. What is true about media in the Olympic games?**

- A. Athletes can become famous only at local level.
- B. The world learns very little about the host city.
- C. Only internationally famous athletes are exposed.
- D. The host country introduces itself to the world.

**7. What is true about the Tokyo 2020 Olympics?**

- A. They will start on 23rd July 2021.
- B. They started on 24th July 2020.
- C. They will start on 8th August 2021.
- D. They started on 9th August 2020.

**8. What is special about Tokyo as an Olympic Games host city?**

- A. Tokyo is the first Asian city to host the Olympics.
- B. Tokyo is the only city in Asia to host the Olympic Games twice.
- C. Tokyo has never hosted Winter Olympics before.
- D. Tokyo will host two consecutive Olympic Games