IELTS SCORE BOOSTER_READING PRACTICE_3.2 (QUESTIONS)

Roman shipbuilding and navigation

Questions 1-5

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

*In boxes **1-5** on your answer sheet, write*

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

1 The Romans' shipbuilding skills were passed on to the Greeks and the Egyptians.

2 Skilled craftsmen were needed for the mortise and tenon method of fixing planks.

3 The later practice used by Mediterranean shipbuilders involved building the hull before the frame.

4 The Romans called the Mediterranean Sea *Mare Nostrum* because they dominated its use.

5 Most rowers on ships were people from the Roman army.

Questions 6-13

Complete the summary below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

*Write your answers in boxes **6-13** on your answer sheet.*

Warships and merchant ships

Warships were designed so that they were **6** …… and moved quickly. They often remained afloat after battles and were able to sail close to land as they lacked any additional weight. A battering ram made of **7** …… was included in the design for attacking and damaging the timber and oars of enemy ships. Warships, such as the 'trireme', had rowers on three different **8** …… .

Unlike warships, merchant ships had a broad **9** …… that lay far below the surface of the sea. Merchant ships were steered through the water with the help of large rudders and a tiller bar. They had both square and **10** …… sails. On merchant ships and warships, **11** …… was used to ensure rowers moved their oars in and out of the water at the same time.

Quantities of agricultural goods such as **12** …… were transported by merchant ships to two main ports in Italy. The ships were pulled to the shore by **13** …… . When the weather was clear and they could see islands or land, sailors used landmarks that they knew to help them navigate their route.

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