PRACTICE 2

Read the article and answer questions that follow.
Choose **no more than five words and/or a number** *from the text for each answer.*

The Legend of Athena and the Olive Tree

In ancient Greece, it was said that Athena, the goddess of wisdom and warfare, and Poseidon, the god of sea and earthquakes, had a fierce dispute. Both seek to make Attica their own region. This drama reached Zeus's ears. So, Zeus, in his wisdom, suggested a contest between these deities. Zeus further declared that the city would belong to whoever won the hearts of the inhabitants. Athena and Poseidon agreed to offer gifts to the city, and the gift which was deemed most valuable would become the protector of the city.

The stage was set for the divine competition. The two contenders appeared. Poseidon struck the ground with his trident, creating an amazing saltwater spring. This symbolised naval power and trade. The citizens marvelled at this gift and Poseidon's display of power but, they could not drink salty water.

Then, it was Athena's turn. She knelt upon the ground and planted a seed. With just a gentle touch, a magnificent olive tree flourished, bearing thick, rich fruit. This olive tree would provide the people with oil, food and wood. These were essential resources for their daily lives and economy. Athena's gift was voted to be the best gift to humankind by the people.

Zeus, watching the events unfolding, also realised the importance of Athena's gift. Once again, in his wisdom as the king of gods, he declared Athena the winner and naming the city Athens in her honour. Athens continued to flourish under her watchful eyes. The olive tree became a symbol of peace, wisdom and abundance. Even to this day, the olive tree remains a lasting emblem of Athens, a testament to the goddess's enduring legacy.

1. Athena, the _____ and Poseidon, both were fighting over the region of Attica.
2. Zeus, king of gods, _____ between them to solve the matter.
3. The victor of the contest must _____ valued by the inhabitants.
4. When Poseidon struck the ground with his trident, awe-inspiring _____ emerged.
5. Even though the citizens _____ at Poseidon's gift but they couldn't drink the salty water.
6. Poseidon showcased his power through force, whereas Athena demonstrated hers _____.
7. Athena's _____ flourished with abundance of thick fruit.
8. The olive tree provided the inhabitants with _____ such as food, oil and wood.

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Questions 9 and 10

Complete the table below with **a word** *from the text.*
For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Meaning	Word
9. a symbol or representation of a concept, idea or quality	
10. the deities of ancient Greece	

[10 *marks*]

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