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3rd Grade Social Studies

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MAIL & POSTAL SERVICE

Part A – Choose the Correct Answer

1. Long ago, people sent messages using:

- a) Smartphones b) Email
- c) Letters d) Television

2. Early postal systems started in:

- a) Australia b) Japan
- c) Ancient Egypt d) Canada

3. Riders on horses stopped at stations to:

- a) Buy food b) Rest and change horses
- c) Sleep at home d) Send emails

4. Trains were important because they:

- a) Made mail slower b) Made mail much faster
- c) Carried only food d) Replaced letters



Part B – T (True) or F (False).

1. Letters were the main way to communicate before phones.
2. Ships carried mail between countries.
3. Email was invented before horses were used.
4. Airplanes helped mail travel faster.
5. The first postage stamp was called Penny Black.



Part C – Choose the correct answer

1. Airmail uses (trains / airplanes).
2. Email is sent using (horses / computers).



Part D – Choose from the list the correct word to fill in the blanks

Words: internet – faster – stamp – horses

1. The first postage _____ showed the sender paid.
2. Trains made mail travel _____.
3. Riders used _____ to carry messages long ago.
4. Email is sent using the _____.

Part E - Drag the transport under the correct time:

Horses | ***Ships*** | ***Airplanes*** | ***Smartphones***

THEN (Long Ago)

NOW (Today)

Part F – Answer with your own words

1. Why were trains important for postal services?

2. How is sending email different from sending a letter long ago?

