

Review 12

TASK 1 Read the text below and decide which answers A, B, C or D best fits each gap.

The best of the best

We are obsessed with success. We seek to rank and list all manner of people and things according to how good they are. Nowhere is this more true than in sport, especially in international 1 ____ like the Olympic Games. It is the nature of sport that athletes 2 ____ against each other to be recognised as the best. But how should we define sporting success? What does it 3 ____ to be considered a 4 ____? Certainly, 5 ____ a world record is one way. Another is by winning the most medals.

After 6 ____ most of his competitors at the 2012 London Olympics, champion swimmer Michael Phelps now leads the tally of most Olympic medals won. But not all sports are equal. Swimmers, gymnasts and 7 ____ can win many more medals because more are available in their sports, particularly when compared to volleyball, basketball and handball where there is only one gold medal available 8 ____ Olympiad.

Perhaps instead of counting medals, we could mark the all-time best Olympic moments; performances that became a 9 ____ of inspiration for generations to come. Such as when, in 1968, American long jumper Bob Beamon 10 ____ a record which 11 ____ athletes for the next 20 years. We 12 ____ such feats and marvel at super-human effort. Bob Beamon only ever won one gold medal, but what a performance it was!

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| 1. A cases | B events | C incidents | D situations |
| 2. A compete | B attempt | C contest | D fight |
| 3. A have | B want | C seem | D take |
| 4. A myth | B protagonist | C conqueror | D legend |
| 5. A holding | B taking | C forming | D carrying |
| 6. A outplaying | B conquering | C winning | D beating |
| 7. A bolters | B dashers | C sprinters | D racers |
| 8. A per | B for | C all | D in |
| 9. A point | B source | C cause | D root |
| 10. A placed | B out | C made | D set |
| 11. A invited | B provoked | C challenged | D aspired |
| 12. A clap | B applaud | C approve | D recommend |

TASK 2 Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Robots ... past, present and future

Over two thousand years ago, Aristotle considered the possibility of automated machines that worked independently of humans. In 'The Politics', he _____ his readers that if every tool could do the work that benefits it, _____ when ordered to do so or on _____ own, then chief workmen would not need servants, _____ would master need slaves. Leonardo da Vinci sketched a robotic knight and the inner mechanisms required _____ work it.

As these examples show, the field of robotics has existed for hundreds _____ not thousands of years. _____ its long history, it is only more recently that robotics has advanced beyond the realm of science fiction into real, moving robots. When sent into space _____ exploration, robots become the eyes and ears of scientists. In medicine, robotic arms perform the most delicate of surgeries _____ they are steadier than the human hand.

The most exciting development in robotics is artificial intelligence, or AI. With AI, computers could _____ trained to think in the way humans do. _____ humans, computers could learn from experience, handle large amounts of complex data and make decisions using human reasoning skills. _____ so much exciting potential, it remains to be seen how far AI can go.

TASK 3 Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

If anyone can _____ the game of football to life, it's this commentator.
He says his investigation will _____ to light one of the worst sporting scandals ever.
The news was so bad that I could barely _____ myself to tell them.

In my _____, no one ever considered the prospect of robots as surgeons.
Mark has been having a rough _____ since he broke his leg because he cannot run.
Usain Bolt's _____ of 9.63 seconds in the 100 metres at London was an Olympic record.

Do you think there's a _____ in industrial design or will computers take over?
The _____ of education in this country needs to be re-examined.
In the not too distant _____, perhaps all cars will run on solar energy.

I've had _____ to nothing to eat all day and I'm absolutely starving.
Androids, flying cars, what's _____?
I've arranged to meet the new basketball coach the week after _____.

When it _____ the market, everyone wanted a PlayStation.
The area was badly _____ by unemployment as more and more factories closed down.
Your sports predictions are always right and, as usual, you've _____ the bull's-eye again.

TASK 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

'You need to improve your serve,' I told him.

TO

I _____ to improve his serve.

Jack lost the game, but he was still quite cheery.

SPITE

Jack was still quite cheery, _____ the game.

Lionel and his friends aren't looking forward to playing in the rain.

ARE

Neither _____ looking forward to playing in the rain.

'Did she break my record?' he asked.

HAD

He wanted to know _____ record.

We are both capable of winning the robotics prize.

EITHER

You know, _____ the robotics prize.

He succeeded because of hard work and sacrifice.

SUCCESS

His _____ hard work and sacrifice.

'Could you take me to the science museum, please?' said Toby.

ASKED

Toby _____ to the science museum.