SPORTS

Task 1

Read the text below. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Table tennis, also known as ping-pong, is a sport in which two or four players **(1)** _____ a lightweight ball back and forth **(2)** _____ a table using small rackets. The game takes place on a hard table **(3)** _____ by a net. Except for the initial serve, the rules are generally as follows: players must allow a ball played toward them **(4)** _____ one time on their side of the table, and must return it **(5)** _____ it bounces on the opposite side at least once. A point is scored when a player **(6)** _____ to return the ball within the rules. The game is fast and demands quick reactions.

	A	B	C	D
1	is hitted	have hit	are hitting	hit
2	across	along	above	amid
3	is divided	divided	dividing	has been divided
4	bounce	bouncing	to bounce	bounces
5	so that	as well	in order	due
6	is failing	failed	had failed	fails

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Table tennis **(1)** _____ by the worldwide organization International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), **(2)** _____ in 1926. ITTF currently **(3)** _____ 226 member associations. The table tennis official rules **(4)** _____ in the ITTF handbook. Table tennis **(5)** _____ an Olympic sport since 1988, with several event categories. From 1988 until 2004, these were men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and women's doubles. Since 2008, a team event **(6)** _____ instead of the doubles.

	A	B	C	D
1	governed	is governed	governing	governs
2	founded	was founded	has been founded	had been founded
3	includes	including	included	was included
4	specified	specifying	are specified	have specified
5	was	had been	is being	has been
6	has played	has been played	was played	had been played

Task 3

Read the text below. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Dodgeball is a team sport in which players on two teams try **(1)** _____ balls and hit opponents, while **(2)** _____ being hit themselves. The objective of each team is **(3)** _____ all members of the opposing team by **(4)** _____ them with thrown balls, catching a ball **(5)** _____ by an opponent, or inducing an opponent to commit a violation, **(6)** _____ stepping outside the court.

	A	B	C	D
1	to throw	throw	threw	are throwing
2	avoid	avoiding	avoided	are avoided
3	eliminate	to eliminate	eliminated	is eliminating
4	hitted	hit	hitting	hits
5	throwing	thrown	throw	throws
6	so as	as well	as soon	such as

Task 4

Read the text below. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Lacrosse is a team sport **(1)** _____ with a lacrosse stick and a lacrosse ball. It is the oldest **(2)** _____ sport in North America, with its origins in a tribal game played **(3)** _____ eastern Woodlands indigenous peoples and by various Indigenous peoples of North America. The game was extensively **(4)** _____ reducing the violence by European colonizers **(5)** _____ its current collegiate and professional form. The modern sport is governed by World Lacrosse. It **(6)** _____ as a demonstration event at the 1928, 1932, and 1948 Summer Olympics.

	A	B	C	D
1	plays	played	playing	was played
2	organized	organizing	was organized	has been organized
3	with	on	by	off
4	modify	modified	modifying	been modified
5	create	created	were created	to create
6	was held	held	has been held	had been held

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (1-8) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Softball is a game similar **(1)** _____ baseball played with a larger ball (11 to 12 in. circumference) on a field that has base lengths of 60 feet, a **(2)** _____ mound that ranges from 43-50 feet away from home plate, and a home run fence that is 220-300 feet away from home plate, **(3)** _____ on the type of softball being played. It **(4)** _____ in 1887 in Chicago, Illinois, United States as an indoor game. The game moves at a **(5)** _____ pace than traditional baseball. There is less time for the base runner to get to first while the opponent fields the ball; yet, the fielder has less time to field the ball while the opponent **(6)** _____ down to first base. The name "softball" **(7)** _____ to the game in 1926, because the ball used **(8)** _____ soft; however, in modern-day usage, the balls are hard.

	A	B	C	D
1	with	of	to	at
2	pitcher's	pitcher	pitchers	pitchers'
3	depends	depending	depend	depended
4	invented	had been invented	has been invented	was invented
5	faster	fastest	fast	the fastest
6	ran	is running	was running	has run
7	gave	giving	was given	had been giving
8	being	been	to be	be

Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (1-9) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

A tournament **(1)** _____ in 1933 at the Chicago World's Fair spurred interest in the game. The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America (founded in 1933) is one of **(2)** _____ governing bodies for the game in the United States and sponsors annual sectional and World Series championships. **(3)** _____ national and regional governing bodies also exist, **(4)** _____ the USSSA. The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) **(5)** _____ rules of play in more than 110 countries, including the United States and Canada; before the WBSC **(6)** _____ in 2013, the International Softball Federation filled this role. **(7)** _____ fast pitch softball became a Summer Olympic sport in 1996, but it and baseball **(8)** _____ from the 2012 program; they are **(9)** _____ reinstated in 2020.

	A	B	C	D
1	was held	holding	has been held	held
2	largest	large	the largest	larger
3	Others	The others	Other	Another
4	including	includes	included	include
5	regulates	regulate	regulated	was regulated
6	formed	forming	was formed	has been formed
7	Women	Woman	Woman's	Women's
8	were dropped	was dropped	dropped	dropping
9	be	been	to be	to being

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