PRACTICE 2

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **(A - H)** *to fit each gap* **(35 - 40)**.

The Evolution of Skateboarding

Skateboarding has come a long way since its early California days in the 1950s. **(35)** ____ They just wanted to enjoy the feel of riding the waves when it was impossible to do during bad weather or when the waves were small. There were no concrete details on who actually invented the skateboard or whose idea it was to surf on the streets. **(36)** ____

This phenomena of "sidewalk surf" quickly spread like wildfire in the United States. **(37)** ____ Then it progressed to planks and eventually these decks were made with pressed layers of woods which were much similar to today's boards.

(38) ____ But in 1965 this popularity crashed with some people declaring skateboarding was dangerous for road users. New Times reported that "Skateboard is not a crime!" on June 1964.

(39) ____ This frenzy for skateboarding picked up again in the late 1970s and ever since then skateboarding has never looked back. **(40)** ____ Then in Tokyo 2020 Olympic, skateboarding made its debut featuring street skateboarding and park skateboarding.

A In 1995, the X Games ran the first games which catapulted skateboarding into the mainstream.

B Skateboarding used to be associated with punks and misfits.

C The first skateboarders were actually surfers who had the idea of bringing surfing to the streets.

D People still skated but the fad quiet down.

E Skateboards are not expensive equipments.

F However, in 1956, Tim Tuthill, a Los Angeles surfer said that he started it in front of his house.

G In the 1960s, skateboarding gained much popularity with competitions abound.

H The first skateboards were made from wooden boxes with roller skate wheels slapped at the bottom.

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