UNIT 8: SPORTS AND GAMES

F. READING

I. Complete the passage with the words from the box.

score	without	sport	each	play game	positions	boring

Basketball is a pretty cheap (1)_____ to play in terms of equipment. So long as you have shoes and clothes and a ball, you can play. You can play with 1 hoop or 2, but it is way more fun to have a full court to (2)_____ on and several friends to do it with. Of course, you can have knee braces, expensive shoes, and some fancy jerseys if you want, but you can play (3)_____ them if you want.

Basketball is a (4)_____ of 5-on-5. There are 5 different (5)_____: point guard, shooting guard, center, small forward, and power forward. Unlike some other sports, all players can (6)_____ points, and there is NO goalkeeper. There isn't a (7)_____ position to play!

Basketball has 4 quarters. For pro games, quarters are 15 minutes. Teams switch directions of play after (8)_____ quarter.

II. Choose the correct answers to complete the passage.

Physical activity is the (1)_____ obvious benefit of sports participation. Children often spend too much time watching television or (2)_____ video games. But sports practices and games provide an opportunity for exercise that can help keep kids in shape and (3)_____.

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Sports participation can help children develop social skills that will benefit them(**4**)_____ their entire lives. They learn to interact not only with other children their age, (**5**)_____ also with older individuals in their coaches and sports officials. Kids learn leadership skills, team-building skills and communication skills that will help them in school, their future (**6**)_____ and personal relationships.

1.	A. more	B. much	C. most	D. least
2.	A. doing	B. playing	C. paying	D. watching
3.	A. healthy	B. wealthy	C. happy	D. funny
4.	A. for	B. on	C. at	D. throughout
5.	A. and	B. so	C. but	D. then
6.	A. world	B. career	C. game	D. shape

III. Read the passage and choose the correct answers.

Born on 15lh May 1987 in Scotland, Andy Murray is regarded as one of the most iconic sports figures in British history. Began playing tennis at the age of 3, Andy was first trained by his mother Judy, who is a tennis coach. In 2012, the Scotsman became the first British man since 1936 to win a Grand Slam, the most important tournament in tennis. He has also won two Olympic gold medals for his country. During his career, Andy has been advocated for equality between tennis players of both genders. Despite criticism from fellow players, he hired a female coach in 2014 and became thefirst professional male tennis player ever to do so.

1. Which of the following would be the best title of the passage?

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A. Andy Murray of Scotland.

B. Andy Murray, A Tennis Icon.

C. Grand Slam.

D. Equality Between Tennis Players.

2. What did other players criticise Andy for?

A. Hiring a woman to be his coach.

B. Being trained by his mother.

C. Winning a Grand Slam in 2012.

D. Calling for equality between tennis players of both genders.

3. Which of the following is NOT stated in the passage?

A. Andy Murray supports gender equality among tennis players.

B. Andy Murray has earned two gold medals in Olympic Games.

C. Grand Slam tournament is the most important tennis event.

D. Andy Murray has become a British sports icon since 2012.

4. How many years in Andy's lifetime does the writer mention?

A. The writer mentions 3 years: 1987,2012 and 2014.

B. The writer mentions 4 years: 1987,1990,2012 and 2014.

C. The writer mentions 4 years: 1936,1987,2012 and 2014.

D. The writer mentions 5 years: 1936,1987,1990,2012 and 2014.

5. Which of the following is FALSE about Andy's first events?

A. He was first trained to play tennis by his mother.

B. He was the first British to win a Grand Slam.

C. He was the first player to win an Olympic gold medal for his country.

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D. He was the first male tennis player who had a female coach.

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