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1. Read the text and answer the questions.

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Biofuels: Pros and Cons

Biofuels are fuels produced from living matter such as plants. For example, substances can be extracted from corn and soybeans and then made into a fuel that can power cars or other vehicles. In fact, many cities use biofuels to power their bus systems. But what are the pros and cons of using biofuels?

Pros of biofuels: Unlike fossil fuels, which will run out one day, biofuels are renewable. As long as we can grow more crops, we can make more biofuel. Biofuels also cost less to make and to transport than fossil fuels do. Moreover, any country can make biofuel, and biofuel production in a country can mean jobs for its citizens.

Cons of biofuels: Biofuels don't contain as much energy as fossil fuels, which means more biofuels have to be used to create the same amount of power. In addition, making and using biofuels may create just as much carbon dioxide as using traditional fossil fuels, which would mean that biofuels would not be a sustainable solution for global warming. Finally, crops for biofuels can take up land that was being used to grow food and therefore can lead to an increase in the price of food.

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1 What are biofuels?

a fuels that produce less carbon than fossil fuels

b fuels that are produced from living matter

c fuels that contain more energy than fossil fuels

2 What is a pro of using biofuels?

a Biofuels are renewable.

b Biofuels do not pollute the atmosphere.

c Biofuels have just as much energy as fossil fuels.

3 What is a con of using biofuels?

a Biofuels can only be made in certain countries.

b Biofuels can make the price of food increase.

c Biofuels don't create jobs for a country's population.

4 What is a good conclusion to draw from the article?

a Fossil fuels are not a problem, and we shouldn't use biofuels because of all their disadvantages.

b Biofuels have some advantages over fossil fuels, but they, too, may not be a sustainable solution.

c Biofuels do not cause damage to the environment; we should use them more.

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2. Read the text and complete the tasks.

You've probably sprained a joint like your wrist, elbow, or ankle at some point in your life. But what happens when you sprain a joint, and what can you do to recover from a sprain?

A sprain occurs when a ligament, the tough tissue that joins two bones together, is stretched too far. Ligaments cross over joints, and they can be overstretched when we move a joint in an awkward way. This overstretching causes some of the tissue in the ligament to tear. Once it tears, blood collects in the area of the joint, which causes it to swell. Special cells in the blood also release chemicals that help to remove the damaged tissue and to make new tissue.

To recover from a sprain, there are a few things that you can do. For the first two days, try not to move the joint. You should apply ice to it, wrap it, and keep it elevated. This will reduce the swelling and help the new ligament tissue to form. After two days, though, you should begin to use the sprained joint carefully. Doing so will help to strengthen the new tissue. If you follow these steps, you should make a full recovery.

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1 What is a ligament?

a the tough tissue that joins muscles to bones

b the tough tissue that joins two muscles together

c the tough tissue that joins two bones together

2 According to the text, after a sprain, you should apply ice to the joint, wrap it, and keep it elevated. How does this help the joint heal?

a by causing blood to collect in the area of the sprain and cells to release chemicals

b by helping to strengthen the new ligament tissue

c by reducing the swelling and helping new ligament tissue to form

3 How will moving a sprained joint carefully after two days help it heal?

a by reducing swelling in the joint

b by strengthening the ligament tissue that has formed

c by helping to remove damaged tissue

4 Complete the chain of causes and effects diagram on what happens with a sprain.

Cause: An awkward *movement* overstretches a ligament.

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Effect: Some of the ligament _____ tears.

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Effect: _____ collects in the joint.

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Effect: The _____ swells.

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Effect: Special _____ in the blood help remove damaged tissue to make new tissue.

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Reading Passage: The Twelve Dancing Princesses

Long ago, there was a king who had twelve daughters. Every night, the princesses slept in the same room, and every morning their dancing shoes were worn out as if they had been dancing all night. The king could not understand how this was possible because he locked the bedroom door each evening.

Curious and frustrated, the king announced that anyone who could discover the secret of the princesses within three nights would be allowed to marry one of them and become heir to the kingdom. However, anyone who failed would face a severe punishment.

Many princes tried to solve the mystery. Each night, the eldest princess offered them a drink before bedtime. After drinking it, they fell into a deep sleep and remembered nothing by morning. As a result, none of them discovered the secret.

One day, a young soldier who had been injured in battle heard about the challenge. While traveling to the castle, he met an old woman. She asked where he was going, and he explained his plan. The old woman warned him not to drink anything offered by the princesses and gave him a magical cloak that would make him invisible.

That evening, the soldier was placed in a room near the princesses. As expected, the eldest princess brought him a drink. Pretending to swallow it, he secretly poured it away. Soon afterward, he lay down and pretended to sleep.

At midnight, the princesses got out of bed. The eldest princess clapped her hands, and a hidden door in the floor opened. One by one, the sisters climbed down a secret staircase. The soldier quickly put on the magical cloak and followed them.

The staircase led to a beautiful underground world. First, they walked through a forest where the trees had silver leaves that sparkled in the moonlight. Then they passed through forests of golden and diamond leaves. The soldier broke off a branch from each forest as proof of his journey.

At the end of the path was a shining lake. Twelve handsome princes waited there in boats. Each princess stepped into a boat, and the invisible soldier joined the youngest princess. She noticed that her boat felt heavier than usual, but her sisters laughed and told her not to worry.

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The boats crossed the lake and arrived at a magnificent castle. Inside, music played, and the princesses danced with the princes until their shoes were completely worn out. Near dawn, they returned home the same way they had come.

The soldier followed them for three nights. On the final night, he took a golden cup from the castle as additional proof. When the king asked him to reveal the mystery, the soldier explained everything and presented the branches and the golden cup.

The princesses realized their secret had been discovered. The king praised the soldier for his honesty and wisdom. As promised, he allowed the soldier to choose one of the princesses as his bride. The soldier chose the eldest princess, and in time, he became ruler of the kingdom.

1. **Why do you think the princesses risked so much just to continue their secret adventures?**

2. **Was the soldier justified in spying on the princesses, or was it an invasion of their privacy?**

3. **The youngest princess suspected something was wrong, but she ignored her instincts.**

4. **If you were the king, would you have offered a reward and punishment to solve the mystery? Why or why not?**

5. **What is the most important theme of the story: freedom, honesty, curiosity, responsibility, or something else?**

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Lessons for life

Imagine this... You were playing with your friends when one of them fell and hit his head. You phoned for an ambulance, but it didn't arrive. Would you know what to do next?

Something like this happened to Lily Kent a few weeks ago when she was out cycling. Her friend, Annie, fell and hurt her leg, but Lily has been on a first aid course, so she knew exactly what to do. Annie's leg was bleeding, so Lily washed and bandaged her injury. Then, she phoned the ambulance and she sat with Annie while they waited for help to arrive. Annie felt safe knowing Lily was there.

Annie is fine now, but the accident has changed her views about first aid. *'I've wanted to learn about first aid for a long time. Since the accident, I've been even more interested,'* said Annie. *'So, I've started a first aid course – and it's really interesting!'*

b) Read the following statements and write T (True) or F (False).

1- Annie had an accident. ☐

2- Thanks to a First Aid course, Lily could help Annie. ☐

3- While Annie was phoning the ambulance, Lily bandaged her injury. ☐

4- Annie has been interested in learning First Aid since the accident. ☐

5- Lily is teaching Annie First Aid. ☐

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THE HUMAN BODY

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE MISSING WORDS.

unfortunately - work - support - healthy - incredibly - coordinate - system
move - understanding - around - prevention - times - engineering - heart

The human body is an_____complex and *fascinating* machine. There is a lot to explore and discover about how our bodies_____, from the complex processes in the brain to the amazing *ability* of the immune _____to help us get better. By learning about things like anatomy, physiology, and the science of the human body, we can have a better _____of ourselves and how to keep our bodies _____and strong. For example, did you know that your _____beats about 100,000 _____a day, and pumps about 8,000 litres of blood _____your body! The human body is an amazing piece of_____, with systems that all work together *smoothly* to keep us healthy and well. The different *systems* in our body include the skeleton that gives us structure and_____, the muscles that help us to_____, and the nerves that _____everything. Learning about how amazing the human body is can help us make better choices about our *health* and well-being. _____, the human body gets older and can become sick over time, so it is important to understand how it works to be able to stay well and fit for many years. Remember, _____is always better than cure!

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS FROM THE BOX. THEY ARE ALL IN THE TEXT.

1 After years of practicing, he now has the _____to play the piano beautifully.

2 The project is going_____; we should have everything finished on time.

3 The light show was_____.

4 The doctor said that he is in good_____.

smoothly

health

ability

fascinating

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