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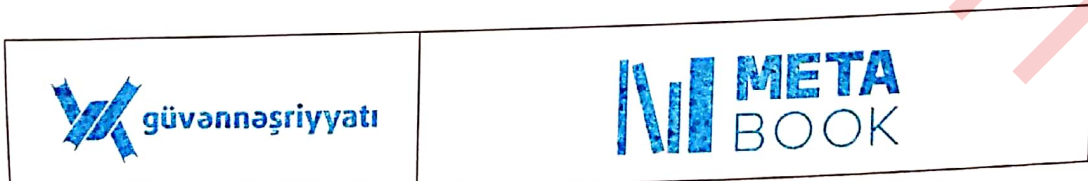
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LISTENING

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RECORDING 1

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) the zoos in England
 - B) the eagles in Scotland
 - C) the gardens and parks
 - D) the wild animals in Britain
 - E) the domestic animals in Scotland
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. There are a lot of wild animals in Britain.
 2. You can sometimes see parrots in gardens and parks.
 3. You can't see wild horses in England.
 4. There are small kangaroos in some parts of Britain.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
In which part of England can you see wild horses?

A) in the north B) in the south-west
C) in the south D) in the north-west
E) in the west
4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Some people even think that there are ... in Britain.

A) kangaroos B) wolves
C) panthers D) bears
E) deer
5. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of wild animals which aren't in Britain
 2. the name of the bird which lives in Scotland
 3. the number of wild animals in Britain
 4. the kinds of parrots in Britain

A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
D) 1, 3 E) 1, 2

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Sometimes animals from other countries escape from
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RECORDING 2

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) a pirate's life
B) the ex-sailors
C) the ship's rules
D) the escaped slaves
E) the pirates' equality
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Some pirates were treated poorly on their ships.
 2. In reality, a pirate's life was an exciting adventure.
 3. On a pirate ship, equality was important.
 4. The average pirate wasn't usually trying to escape from a difficult life.A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How was the income divided among the pirates?
A) The earnings were shared fairly.
B) Stolen goods couldn't be shared.
C) The income was not divided equally.
D) The sailors got less than other pirates.
E) The captain took more than other pirates.
4. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
A) Men couldn't elect their captain themselves.
B) Some pirates never wanted their freedom.
C) In many movies, a pirate's life is shown as a hard adventure.
D) Men created the ship's rules together.
E) Men weren't allowed to create rules on a ship.

5. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
1. the pirates' family
2. the pirates' difficulties
3. the real lives of pirates
4. the amount of their earnings
A) 1, 2 B) 1, 4 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 3, 4
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "backgrounds".

RECORDING 3

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) difficulties in learning foreign languages
 - B) a means of communication
 - C) the most popular language
 - D) travel around the world
 - E) the English

2. Which of the statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Around 35 percent of the world understands some English.
 2. Today, many of us want to travel around the world.
 3. Millions of people speak Hindi as a second language.
 4. Many people want to communicate with people from around the world.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 1. Millions of people speak Spanish as an additional language.
 2. English is the most popular language on the Internet.
 3. It is much easier to communicate with people if you speak a global language.
 4. Mandarin is spoken more than the other languages.

A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Many people also learn English ...
 - A) to access information and knowledge
 - B) to make friends on the Internet
 - C) to get news all over the world
 - D) to follow political issues
 - E) to get well-paid jobs

5. Which language is **not** mentioned in the passage?

A) Mandarin	B) Spanish
C) English	D) Italian
E) Hindi	

6. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
How many people speak English as a native language?

RECORDING 4

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) various cultures and regions
 - B) different competition
 - C) different costumes
 - D) a food festival
 - E) oil wrestling
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
 - A) Men dress oily costumes.
 - B) This wrestling is traditional.
 - C) This is an ancient event in Turkey.
 - D) At the end of the competition the winner gets money.
 - E) The wrestling festival in Turkey is organized every year.
3. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 1. At the festival, there is also food, music and dancing.
 2. It is the oldest wrestling competition in the world.
 3. The wrestlers get only money when they win.
 4. The festival is almost 615 years old.

A) 2, 3 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 4
D) 1, 2 E) 1, 3
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the place where the festival is held
 2. the clothes which the wrestlers wear
 3. the amount of money the winner gets
 4. the number of people who attend the festival

A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who comes to watch this exciting competition?
 - A) people of the same ages
 - B) people of different ages
 - C) only children
 - D) only adults
 - E) dancers
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "belt".

RECORDING 5

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 A) a large amount of money
 B) the wedding customs
 C) the bride and groom
 D) a happy life
 E) the couples
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) In some countries families demand money.
 B) Many countries have the same wedding customs.
 C) A wedding is not special or important time.
 D) People do not give gifts in weddings.
 E) The bride and groom never need their families' help.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How is the wedding tradition in the Middle East?
 A) Both families give gifts to the couple.
 B) Families do not help the couple.
 C) The bride's family helps the groom's family.
 D) The groom's family asks for a large payment from the bride's family.
 E) The bride's family asks for a large amount of money from the groom.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the price of gifts
 2. the amount of payment
 3. a wedding custom in India
 4. the reason for helping the couples
 A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 2
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
In which country do both families give gifts to the couple?
 A) in India
 B) in Turkey
 C) in the Middle East
 D) in the United States
 E) in the United Kingdom
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Everybody wants to help the bride and groom ... together.

RECORDING 6

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the independent colonies
 B) moving into space
 C) the United States
 D) the astronauts
 E) the scientists

2. Which of the statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Stephen Hawking believes that to survive, humans needn't move into space.
 2. Each country wants to create space stations.
 3. Earth's closest neighbour is the moon.
 4. Stephen Hawking doesn't support the idea of space travel.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 1, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When do the countries want to create space stations?
 A) between 2030 and 2040
 B) between 2080 and 2090
 C) between 2060 and 2070
 D) between 2040 and 2050
 E) between 2020 and 2030

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the scientist
 2. the number of people who will visit Mars
 3. the names of the countries which want to create space stations
 4. the names of the countries which plan to send astronauts to the moon
 A) 2, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 3, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Choose the correct answer to the question according to the passage.
Which countries are planning to send astronauts back to the moon?
 1. the USA 2. the UK
 3. China 4. Russia
 A) 1, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 1, 2
 D) 3, 4 E) 2, 3

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "colonies".

RECORDING 7

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) the history of tomatoes
 - B) the first tomatoes
 - C) the 16th century
 - D) Naples, Italy
 - E) pizzas today
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Americans thought tomatoes were poisonous.
 2. Tomatoes are a standard ingredient in many pizzas today.
 3. A lot of people ate tomatoes in Europe in the early 16th century.
 4. The first tomatoes were brought from the Americas to Europe.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Slowly, people learned that ...
 - A) they couldn't eat that vegetable
 - B) only rich people could buy tomatoes
 - C) tomatoes were safe to eat, as well as tasty
 - D) tomatoes were poisonous and dangerous
 - E) putting tomatoes on baking dough wasn't safe
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of place where the flat bread became popular
 2. the name of cooks who started to put tomatoes on baking dough
 3. the name of the continent where tomatoes were brought
 4. other ingredients used in pizzas

A) 1, 2 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 2, 3

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Where did the flat bread soon become popular?

A) in America B) in Naples
C) in Africa D) in Spain
E) in Asia

6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
With whom did the flat bread become popular?
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RECORDING 8

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) dolphins' communication
 - B) dolphins' birthdays
 - C) dolphins' names
 - D) dolphins' ages
 - E) the scientists
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Scientists think dolphins "talk" to each other.
 2. It's easy to understand dolphins' conversations.
 3. Some people can "speak dolphin".
 4. Some scientists are trying to learn dolphin's language.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What does every dolphin have like humans?
 1. whistle 2. name
 3. birthday 4. things

A) 1, 3 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 1, 2 E) 2, 4
4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
It's thought that dolphins "talk" to each other about their ...
 1. age 2. enemy 3. feelings
 4. food 5. danger

A) 1, 2 B) 3, 4, 5 C) 2, 5
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3, 4
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What do dolphins use to communicate?
 1. a system of sounds
 2. a body language
 3. smaller fish
 4. waves

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Each dolphin chooses a particular whistle for itself, usually by ...

RECORDING 9

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the farmers
 B) the fisherman
 C) the merchants
 D) the famous cities in the world
 E) one of nicest cities in the world
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
Dubai is a city of
 A) sport
 B) skyscrapers
 C) big business
 D) luxury hotels
 E) huge shopping malls
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What brought a lot of money into the region?
 A) trade B) oil
 C) agriculture D) economics
 E) trading ports
4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People from all over the world stopped in Dubai
 A) to work in construction
 B) to work in hotels
 C) to make money
 D) to do shopping
 E) to do business
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happened in Dubai in 1966?
 A) Oil was discovered.
 B) The city lost its beauty.
 C) Luxury hotels were built.
 D) Tourists began to visit Dubai.
 E) Most people began to leave the city.

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "trading port".

RECORDING 10

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the studio films
 B) the movie prizes
 C) Miyazaki's company
 D) the first animated movie
 E) a Japanese director and his films
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. It's difficult to explain the director's films.
 2. Miyazaki never directed an animated movie.
 3. Miyazaki started his own company in 1963.
 4. Miyazaki's films have won several prizes.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) Miyazaki never owned a company.
 B) It was forbidden to watch his films.
 C) The studio's films were unsuccessful.
 D) Hayao Miyazaki was a Japanese actor.
 E) He directed his first animated movie in 1979.
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What often play a central part in Miyazaki's stories?
 1. nature 2. technology
 3. humanity 4. friendship
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 4 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 3
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When did Hayao Miyazaki start working in animation?
 A) in 1979 B) in 1963
 C) in 1936 D) in 1997
 E) in 1983
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Understanding the way children see the world is

RECORDING 11

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the transport problems in Sao Paulo
 B) the urban planners
 C) building subways
 D) the countryside
 E) the pollution

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Many people live in the centre of Sao Paulo.
 2. Housing in the city centre is cheaper.
 3. Many people have spread out to neighbourhoods outside the city.
 4. Many people work in the centre of Sao Paulo.
 A) 2, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 3, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What will urban planning shorten?
 A) the distance between the countries
 B) the distance people travel for work
 C) the economic development
 D) the streets and roads
 E) the urban growth

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Urban planners' goal is to make it cheaper for people to live in
 A) the downtown area
 B) the countryside
 C) high buildings
 D) clean places
 E) the villages

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What will urban planning reduce in the city?
 1. the number of people
 2. the number of cars
 3. pollution
 4. traffic
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "traffic".

RECORDING 12

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) the Middle Ages
 - B) the Turkish jokes
 - C) the history of Turkey
 - D) Nasreddin Hodja's birthplace
 - E) Nasreddin Hodja's jokes and stories

2. Which of the statements are **false** according to the passage?
 Nasreddin Hodja ...
 1. lived in central Turkey
 2. is well-known in Turkey
 3. wrote many story books
 4. lived in the fourteenth century
 - A) 3, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 2, 3
 - D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 What are his jokes and stories about?
 - A) about the people living abroad
 - B) about the people in Turkey
 - C) about different languages
 - D) about his daily life
 - E) about UNESCO

4. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 1. The stories of Nasreddin Hodja are only in the Turkish language.
 2. Nasreddin Hodja was a man who lived near Adirna.
 3. The stories about him are a part of Turkish folk culture.
 4. The stories of Nasreddin Hodja are popular all over the world.
 - A) 1, 2 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 3
 - D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the city where Nasreddin Hodja died
 2. the city where Nasreddin Hodja lived
 3. the name of the international organisation
 4. the number of stories about Nasreddin Hodja
 - A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 4
 - D) 2, 4 E) 3, 4

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Some of these stories are about ... years old.

RECORDING 13

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) the ads on social media
B) the souvenir T-shirts
C) the world languages
D) Mapudungun
E) the Chileans
2. Which of the statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Campaigners want young Mapuche people to learn English.
 2. In Chile there has been a big social media campaign to promote regional languages.
 3. Mapudungun is one of the most spoken languages in the world.
 4. It is possible to save languages.A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How many speakers did Mapudungun have in 2007?
A) 250,000 B) 12,000
C) 120,000 D) 2,500
E) 25, 000
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. other languages
 2. the cost of Mapudungun T-shirts
 3. a big social media campaign in Chile
 4. the number of people who speak MapudungunA) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Campaigners want young Mapuche people to learn Mapudungun to show that ...
A) they are smart enough
B) they can learn it easily
C) they are proud of their heritage
D) their language is easier than the others
E) their language is more difficult than the others
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "language".

RECORDING 14

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...

- A) a wealthy businessman
- B) how to keep ships safe
- C) Franklin's achievements
- D) the newspaper and book
- E) how to keep buildings safe

2. Which of the statements are **true** according to the passage?

- 1. Benjamin Franklin published a book of his own, *The Pennsylvania Gazette*.
- 2. *Poor Richard's Almanack* was published annually.
- 3. *Poor Richard's Almanack* included predictions about the weather, practical advice, and games.
- 4. Benjamin Franklin created a newspaper called *Poor Richard's Almanack*.

- A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 4
- D) 2, 3 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did Franklin invent?

- A) electricity
- B) the elevator
- C) the electric bulb
- D) the electric motor
- E) the metal lightning rod

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The newspaper and book ... and ...

- 1. were very popular
 - 2. made Franklin very rich
 - 3. were published monthly
 - 4. helped him to make friends
- A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 - D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Which information is **not** given in the passage.

- 1. the name of the newspaper
 - 2. Franklin's other inventions
 - 3. the name of the book
 - 4. Franklin's family
- A) 2, 4 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 3
 - D) 1, 2 E) 1, 3

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

In the late 1740s, Franklin spent a lot of time ...

RECORDING 15

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) a famous festival
 B) Caribbean music
 C) summer in London
 D) the culture of different groups
 E) immigrants from the Caribbean
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) Few people come to see the carnival every summer.
 B) Notting Hill Carnival is celebrated in London.
 C) Immigrants from London began the carnival in 1960s.
 D) Notting Hill Carnival is a small street festival.
 E) The carnival has been forbidden in London.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why do many people visit London?
 A) to see the carnival
 B) to see the immigrants
 C) to celebrate many festivals
 D) to spend their summer holiday
 E) to walk in the streets of London
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. immigrants came from the Caribbean
 2. other festivals celebrated in London
 3. the date when the carnival began
 4. food served in the festival
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When is the Notting Hill Carnival celebrated?
 A) at the beginning of August
 B) at the end of the year
 C) at the end of August
 D) in September
 E) in November
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "clothes".

RECORDING 16

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) Japan's victory
 - B) the Middle East
 - C) the Asian countries
 - D) the Chinese favourites
 - E) the role of sports across Asia

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Soccer is now less popular than traditional Chinese favourites.
 2. There's a growing enthusiasm for the sport across Asia.
 3. Table tennis and basketball are South Korea's favourites.
 4. There's an intense soccer competition among Japan, China, and South Korea.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What is the role of the growing enthusiasm for the sport in Asia?
 1. It has bridged differences
 2. It has increased problems.
 3. It has separated the countries
 4. It has brought people together.

A) 1, 2 B) 2, 4 C) 1, 4
D) 2, 3 E) 3, 4

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the names of Chinese favourites
 2. the names of countries helped to increase enthusiasm for the sport
 3. the winner of the 2002 World Cup
 4. other competitions among Asian countries

A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
D) 3, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Where have youth soccer teams helped to promote peace?
 - A) in the Middle East
 - B) in South America
 - C) in the world
 - D) in Europe
 - E) in Africa

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The 2002 World Cup was co-hosted by ...

RECORDING 17

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the great buildings
 B) the golden temple
 C) the earthquakes
 D) the lost island
 E) the canals
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. At the center of the island the Atlanteans built a beautiful golden temple.
 2. Few people have heard the story of the lost island of Atlantis.
 3. The Greek writer wrote that Atlantis was an island in the Pacific.
 4. The Atlanteans became greedy.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happened to the island of Atlantis?
 A) It became a desert.
 B) It sank into the sea.
 C) Newcomers invaded the island.
 D) It was destroyed by the enemies.
 E) The Atlanteans abandoned the island.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the ocean where the island was situated
 2. the number of people who lived on the island
 3. the name of the writer who wrote about the island
 4. the number of great buildings designed on the island
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The island was hit by ... and

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| 1. earthquakes | 2. lightning |
| 3. great waves | 4. floods |
| A) 1, 3 | B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4 |
| D) 1, 2 | E) 2, 4 |

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "people".

RECORDING 18

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) kinds of sports
 - B) the Sochi Olympics
 - C) ice hockey in Russia
 - D) snow in the mountains
 - E) the importance of weather in the Winter Olympics

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 - A) Cold weather is a big problem for the Winter Olympics.
 - B) Many of the sports need warm weather.
 - C) The Russians put a lot of snow high in the mountains.
 - D) The Winter Olympic Games are held in Russia.
 - E) It's important to keep the playground warm for ice hockey.

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How fast can skaters go?
 - A) 5 kilometres per hour
 - B) 25 kilometres per hour
 - C) 15 kilometres per hour
 - D) 50 kilometres per hour
 - E) 150 kilometres per hour

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
For some Winter Olympic events, like ... and ... , the weather is not important.

1. ice hockey	2. speed skating
3. alpine skiing	4. snowboarding

 - A) 1, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
 - D) 2, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why isn't the weather important for some Winter Olympic events?
 - A) Because they take place inside.
 - B) Because they take place outside.
 - C) Because they are held in warm places.
 - D) Because they are cancelled when it is hot.
 - E) Because people show little interest in them.

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "places".

RECORDING 19

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the legend
 B) the Silk Road
 C) the history of silk
 D) the Indian princess
 E) the ancient country
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Silk was valuable in other countries.
 2. Making silk was a secret in Mexico.
 3. Silk was worth more than gold.
 4. Silk was rare in China.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happened in 1522?
 A) Silk travelled from China to India.
 B) Silk travelled from China to Japan.
 C) Silk was secretly carried to America.
 D) The princess left China to go to India.
 E) The Spanish brought silkworms to Mexico.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the princess who left China
 2. the name of the country where the princess went
 3. the name of the country where making silk was a secret
 4. the number of silkworms which the princess carried
 A) 1, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Where did silk travel around the year 300?
 A) India B) Japan
 C) China D) Mexico
 E) America

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
In princess's hair, she secretly carried

RECORDING 20

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) university admissions in Turkey
 - B) different universities
 - C) students in Turkey
 - D) exam scores
 - E) Turkey
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
 - A) There is a national achievement exam in Turkey.
 - B) There are 2 entrance exams in Turkey.
 - C) Students' exam scores are very important.
 - D) Students in Turkey study much for the exams.
 - E) There are not different university admissions in the world.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When does the high school take an achievement exam?
 - A) at the beginning of the year
 - B) at the end of the year
 - C) in March
 - D) in winter
 - E) in June
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the month when a national achievement exam is taken
 2. the number of exams taken to get into a university in Turkey
 3. the number of students getting into universities every year
 4. the names of the best universities

A) 1, 2 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 3
D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Getting into university in Turkey mainly depends on ...
 - A) exam scores
 - B) admission rules
 - C) students' diligence
 - D) capacity of the universities
 - E) the place where students live
6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
How do students study for the national exam?

RECORDING 21

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) big training centres
 B) doctors and teachers
 C) Kita - the city in Tokyo
 D) many countries around the world
 E) Ajinomoto National Training Center
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
Computers ...
 1. help the athletes learn from their mistakes
 2. don't help the athletes train better
 3. look at how well the athletes do
 4. plan meals for the athletes
 A) 2, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who do doctors and trainers work together with?
 A) They work with people who learn from their mistakes.
 B) They work with people who watch how athletes use their bodies.
 C) They work with people who help thousands of young athletes.
 D) They work with computers that plan meals for the athletes.
 E) They work with athletes who help them train better.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. another big training centre in Kita
 2. the name of the device which observes the athletes
 3. the number of doctors working at the training centre
 4. the name of the city where the training centre is located
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 3
 D) 3, 4 E) 2, 4

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The centre has ... , and places for many other sports.
 A) swimming pools and gyms
 B) air conditioners
 C) a lot of rooms
 D) a lot of staff
 E) facilities
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "place".

RECORDING 22

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the difficulty of working on cacao plantations
 B) the Spanish adventurers
 C) the sixteenth century
 D) Central America
 E) cacao trees
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) Few of the slaves became ill.
 B) Growing cacao trees isn't difficult.
 C) The slaves had to work very long hours.
 D) The Spanish adventurers died from the diseases.
 E) Many of the local slaves got a lot of money for their work.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Where did the the Spanish adventurers have cacao plantations beside Central America?
 A) in Spain
 B) in North America
 C) in some African countries
 D) on some Caribbean islands
 E) in some European countries
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the amount of money people got for their work
 2. the names of the new diseases
 3. the name of the islands
 4. the name of the region
 A) 2, 3 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who did the diseases arrive with?
 1. with local people
 2. with the adventurers
 3. with other Europeans
 4. with poorer people and slaves
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The Spanish adventurers began to use ... as slaves.

RECORDING 23

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) Hawaii B) Canada
 C) the USA D) New York
 E) North America

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 The USA
 1. has five time zones
 2. is the largest country in the world
 3. is bigger than the whole of Europe
 4. is the fourth richest country in the world
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 What's the time in Hawaii when it's twelve o'clock in New York?
 A) five B) seven C) six
 D) nine E) eight

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the longest river in the world
 2. the richest country in the world
 3. the largest country in the world
 4. a bigger producer than any other countries
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) Canada is the largest country in North America.
 B) The USA is the largest country in North America.
 C) The second longest river in the world is in the USA.
 D) The Mississippi is the longest river in the world.
 E) Canada produces more food, iron, cars than any other countries.

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 More aeroplanes, books, music and TV programmes are produced by

RECORDING 24

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) the professional Chinese chef
B) recipes about Chinese food
C) healthy Chinese food
D) traditional cooking
E) business owners
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
A) People are afraid of cooking Chinese food.
B) The chef first learned to cook from her mother.
C) Ching-He Huang is also a TV star.
D) She has her own recipes, too.
E) She is very famous.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who is Ching-He's first teacher of cooking?
A) her mother B) herself
C) a Chinese chef D) people
E) her grandparents
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
1. the tastiest Chinese dish
2. Ching-He's mother's profession
3. the people from whom Ching-He learned cooking
4. a young chef who changes people's ideas about Chinese food
A) 2, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 1, 2
D) 1, 3 E) 3, 4
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Ching-He Huang started ...
A) to love Chinese food
B) to create her own recipes
C) to teach her mother about cooking
D) to write a book about Chinese cuisine
E) to learn about traditional cooking from TV programmes

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "Chinese food".

RECORDING 25

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) cheerleaders
 B) baseball teams
 C) favorite players
 D) history of baseball
 E) baseball fans in Korea
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
 A) Fans **never** cheer their teams.
 B) Thunder sticks are made from plastic.
 C) Cheerleaders dance during the game.
 D) Baseball games become very noisy in Korea.
 E) Thunder sticks help the fans to encourage the players.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 Who is a cheerleader?
 A) a special dance
 B) a baseball player
 C) a fan that encourages the player
 D) a plastic tube which are sold in pairs
 E) a person who leads the fans in some activities
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the people who encourage their favorite players
 2. the country where fans make the games interesting
 3. the number of fans in baseball games
 4. the name of the special dance
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Cheerleaders lead the fans in
 1. songs 2. quarrels
 3. dances 4. arguments
 A) 1, 2 B) 1, 3 C) 2, 4
 D) 2, 3 E) 3, 4

6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
 When do cheerleader and fans do a special dance?

RECORDING 26

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) different activities
 - B) university activities
 - C) universities in the USA
 - D) achievement exams in the world
 - E) university admission system in the USA

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?

- A) The admission system in the US is the same as other university systems of the world.
- B) The admission system includes only extracurricular activities.
- C) The universities in USA require SAT from the students.
- D) Students don't get into a university with the achievement exam.
- E) High school activities don't help students to enter the universities.

3. Choose the correct answer to the question. *What does aptitude test measure?*

- A) It measures student's knowledge.
- B) It measures a student's social activity.
- C) It measures a student's writing ability.
- D) It measures a student's ability to learn.
- E) It measures a student's high school grade.

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.

1. the best universities in the USA
 2. the types of extracurricular activities
 3. the number of universities in the USA
 4. the name of the exam taken in the USA
- A) 2, 3 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 1, 2 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct answer to the question. *What are extracurricular activities?*

- A) sports, clubs and volunteer work
- B) question-answer sessions
- C) classroom experiments
- D) scientific observations
- E) discussions

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

Students do many activities in schools in order to get into ...

RECORDING 27

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) a famous mountain climber
 B) Mount Everest
 C) the mountains
 D) Andrew Irvine
 E) the teenagers
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Everest is the world's highest mountain.
 2. Other climbers discovered Irvine's body.
 3. Mallory's body is still missing.
 4. Mallory was born in 1886.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happened in June 1924?
 A) Mallory died, but Irvine returned safely.
 B) Mallory returned safely from the summit of Everest.
 C) Mallory and Irvine reached the summit of Everest.
 D) Mallory and Irvine set off for the summit of Everest.
 E) Irvine returned safely from the summit of Everest.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the other climber
 2. the name of the mountain which climbers wanted to climb
 3. the names of other climbers who discovered the body
 4. the name of the country where Mount Everest is situated
 A) 1, 2 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 3
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Mallory and Irvine ...
 A) started climbing as a child
 B) climbed mountains across Asia
 C) discovered a body on the summit
 D) weren't allowed to climb the summit
 E) didn't return from the summit of Everest
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "mountains".

RECORDING 28

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) the witches
 - B) the magical beings
 - C) the talking animals
 - D) the Grimm brothers' tales
 - E) the brothers from England

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Jacob and Wilhelm were brothers.
 2. Jacob and Wilhelm were from Germany.
 3. In Grimms' fairy tales the forest is a dangerous place.
 4. For medieval Germans, the forest was a safe place.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What kind of stories did the Grimm brothers love?
 1. magic
 2. detective
 3. romance
 4. adventure

A) 1, 2 B) 1, 4 C) 2, 4
D) 2, 3 E) 3, 4

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the names of the books published by the Grimm brothers
 2. the number of stories collected by the Grimm brothers
 3. the name of the country where the brothers lived
 4. the place which was dangerous in Germany in the past

A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 2
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Grimms' tales reflected traditional ... in Germany.

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|------------|------------|
| 1. life | 2. music |
| 3. beliefs | 4. customs |
| A) 2, 3 | B) 1, 2 |
| D) 2, 4 | E) 1, 3 |
| | C) 3, 4 |

6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
How many books did the Grimm brothers publish between 1812 and 1814?

RECORDING 29

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) Denmark
 B) pollution in the city
 C) roads in Copenhagen
 D) high taxes in Copenhagen
 E) the importance of bicycles in Denmark

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) Nobody likes to ride a bike.
 B) The taxes on cars are very low.
 C) Driving cars is useful in the city.
 D) Bicycles are very famous in Denmark.
 E) Only a few percent of people go to school by bike.

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why are bicycles so popular in Denmark?
 A) People like bicycles much in Denmark.
 B) The government is worried about pollution.
 C) There are many schoolchildren.
 D) Bikes are cheap there.
 E) Taxes are very high.

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the amount of tax on cars
 2. the number of bicycles in Denmark
 3. the reason why bikes are so popular in Denmark
 4. percentage of people riding bicycles in Copenhagen
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) Denmark is one of the least bicycle-friendly countries in the world.
 B) Many people go to work or school by car in Copenhagen.
 C) The number of cars is not growing in Denmark.
 D) It is very easy to ride a bike in Denmark.
 E) Denmark is not a very flat country.

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Denmark has a very big tax on cars because the government wants more people

RECORDING 30

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) the Sochi Winter Olympics
B) the highest mountain
C) the Olympic stadium
D) the Olympic torch
E) under the water
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) The Olympic torch goes to the Arctic every year.
B) The Olympics start in the same way every four years.
C) People from the host country take the torch across the world after the opening ceremony.
D) The Olympic torch arrives at the Olympic Stadium for the closing ceremony.
E) The Arctic is the highest mountain in Europe.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When were the Sochi Winter Olympics held?
A) In 2010 B) In 2004
C) In 2014 D) In 2000
E) In 2012
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
1. the number of athletes who carried the Olympic torch
2. the names of the countries which have hosted the Olympic games
3. the name of the city which hosted the last Olympic games
4. the year when the Sochi Winter Olympics were held
A) 1, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 2, 3
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Before each Games, ... light the Olympic torch in Ancient Olympia.
A) Greek athletes
B) athletes from the host country
C) athletes from different countries
D) athletes who won gold medals before
E) people who organise the Olympic games
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "lake".

RECORDING 31

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the clouds
 B) cold weather
 C) the water cycle
 D) the drops of water
 E) the heat of the Sun

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) Water never falls back to the earth.
 B) The drops of water doesn't make clouds.
 C) Rain comes from water in seas and rivers only.
 D) The water in the land doesn't make rain.
 E) The water evaporates in the heat of the Sun.

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happens when the clouds go up higher?
 1. The clouds get colder.
 2. The clouds get warmer.
 3. The drops of water get bigger.
 4. The drops of water makes clouds.
 A) 1, 3 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 2 E) 2, 4

4. Which of the following is **not** mentioned in the passage?
 A) rivers B) lakes C) land
 D) oceans E) seas

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
... is a way in which water moves around the world.
 A) A river B) Water cycle
 C) A drop D) Atmosphere
 E) A cloud

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "drops".

RECORDING 32

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) the rock-and-roll groups
 - B) the Beatles' hit songs
 - C) the Beatles' fans
 - D) the Americans
 - E) the Beatles
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. The Beatles had twenty-nine hit songs.
 2. The Beatles were four musicians.
 3. The Beatles were from the USA.
 4. The Beatles took music lessons.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did the Beatles do in 1963?
 - A) They began to sing songs.
 - B) They started to play music.
 - C) They made their first hit song.
 - D) They went to the United States.
 - E) They gave their first concert in England.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the country where the Beatles were from
 2. the name of the Beatles' first hit song
 3. the number of the Beatles' hit songs
 4. the age of the Beatles' members

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 4
D) 2, 3 E) 1, 3
5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 - A) The Beatles were the most popular rock-and-roll group in the world.
 - B) The Beatles were young musicians from the USA.
 - C) These men took music lessons in 1962.
 - D) The Americans didn't love them at all.
 - E) They taught people to play music.
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People everywhere copied the Beatles' ...

RECORDING 33

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the first female pilot in the world
 B) a hard-working photographer
 C) a famous female pilot
 D) a famous male pilot
 E) an English pilot
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Life was not easy in the 1920s.
 2. Amelia didn't have to work hard.
 3. In the early 20th century female pilots were unusual.
 4. Amelia was a famous pilot who was born in 1879.
 A) 3, 4 B) 2, 4 C) 2, 3
 D) 1, 3 E) 1, 2
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happened in 1922?
 A) Amelia's plane crashed.
 B) Amelia started her fly training.
 C) Amelia flew across the Atlantic Ocean.
 D) Amelia got married with a businessman.
 E) Amelia flew higher than any other female pilot.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. Amelia's other professions
 2. the name of the Amelia's husband
 3. the name of the ocean she crossed alone
 4. the names of the films that her life has inspired
 A) 2, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 3 E) 1, 2

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
In 1921,
 A) she got married
 B) she trained to be a pilot
 C) she crossed the ocean alone
 D) she was born in a famous pilot family
 E) she started to write a book about her life
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "hero".

RECORDING 34

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) the trip through the mountains
 - B) the trip through the rainforests
 - C) the trip through the deserts
 - D) the two cyclists' trip
 - E) Brooks Allen

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Gregg's brother, Brooks Allen, was also a cyclist.
 2. Gregg Bleakney's dream was to travel the world.
 3. Local people opened their homes to the two friends.
 4. The two friends visited modern cities.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When did Gregg get the idea of travelling the Americas?
 - A) After he met Brooks Allen.
 - B) After he returned from Alaska.
 - C) After he returned from Argentina.
 - D) When many cyclists encouraged him.
 - E) After he finished a 1,600 km bike ride.

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. Gregg's profession
 2. the name of the state they travelled from
 3. the name of the vehicle which they travelled by
 4. the names of the countries which they cycled through

A) 1, 2 B) 1, 4 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 - A) Gregg's dream was to travel Africa from top to bottom.
 - B) Local people didn't help them in many places.
 - C) During their trip they cycled through different places.
 - D) They didn't form any plans for their trip.
 - E) They didn't visit any places during the trip.

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
During the trip they met ... from all over the world.

RECORDING 35

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the captain's girlfriend
 B) Mary Read's life
 C) Anne Bonny
 D) Mary's ship
 E) the pirates
2. Which of the statements are **false** according to the passage?
 Mary Read
 1. lived her whole life disguised as a man
 2. became a powerful fighter
 3. stayed by herself at first
 4. always fought alone
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 1, 4 E) 2, 4
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 How could Mary get a job at sea?
 A) She dressed as a boy.
 B) She had a girlfriend on the ship.
 C) Anne Bonny's boyfriend employed her.
 D) Only after she was attacked by the pirates.
 E) It was easy for women to get a job at sea.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the women
 2. the name of the Mary's ship
 3. a rule which many pirate ships had
 4. the number of pirates who attacked the ship
 A) 1, 3 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 4
 D) 1, 2 E) 2, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 The two women fought together until
 A) they were killed
 B) they left the ship
 C) they joined pirates
 D) they were attacked
 E) they were captured

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "friends".

RECORDING 36

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) the vegetarians in India
 - B) the animals in India
 - C) the Hindu religion
 - D) the Indian culture
 - E) Hindus
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. The country with the most vegetarians is India.
 2. Some people are vegetarians because of their religion.
 3. About one million people live in India.
 4. Sheep are considered holy in India.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What does the Hindu word for "cow" mean?
 - A) to suffer
 - B) religious
 - C) to be killed
 - D) to eat beef
 - E) not to be killed
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. other religions and cultures
 2. the reason why Hindus don't eat beef
 3. the number of people who live in India
 4. the number of vegetarians all over the world

A) 2, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 1, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 3, 4

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 - A) There are vegetarians only in India.
 - B) Hindus don't eat beef because of its taste.
 - C) Hindu word for cow means "it's forbidden".
 - D) Most people follow the Hindu religion in India.
 - E) Some people choose to be vegetarian because of their work.
6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do not Hindus eat beef?

RECORDING 37

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the emperor
 B) the astronaut
 C) the Great Wall
 D) unfriendly people
 E) the small walls around the town
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
The Great Wall ...
 1. is in China
 2. was destroyed by the Chinese
 3. was built a thousand years ago
 4. is believed to be seen from space
 A) 2, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 3, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did an astronaut say about the Great Wall?
 A) The astronaut said he could see the Great Wall only from space.
 B) The astronaut said he could see neither buildings nor the Great Wall.
 C) The astronaut said he could see the Great Wall and some other buildings from space.
 D) The astronaut said only the Great Wall could be seen from space.
 E) The astronaut said what some people thought about the Great Wall was true.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the length of the Great Wall
 2. the architect of the Great Wall
 3. the reason why the Great Wall was built
 4. the name of the emperor who joined the walls
 A) 1, 3 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why did the Chinese build the Great Wall?
 A) They wanted to protect their emperor.
 B) They wanted to build a structure which could be seen from space.
 C) They wanted to establish trade relations with other countries.
 D) They wanted to protect their country from enemies.
 E) They wanted to be famous all over the world.

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The emperor joined the walls and ...

RECORDING 38

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) the lives of workers building pyramids
B) shaping rock into blocks
C) the pyramids of Egypt
E) the archeologists
D) modern Egypt
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
1. Some workers dug the rock.
2. The workers had different roles.
3. About 2,000-3,000 people were involved in completing the task.
4. Female workers lived more than male workers.
A) 3, 4 B) 2, 4 C) 2, 3
D) 1, 2 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How long did male workers live?
A) 30-35 B) 40-45 C) 35-40
D) 45-50 E) 50-55
4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
For centuries, the pyramids of Giza have been timeless symbols of ...
A) Egyptian culture B) diligence
C) freedom D) unity
E) equality
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How long did it take to build the pyramids?
A) ninety years B) nineteen years
C) eighty years D) eighteen years
E) eight years

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "care".

RECORDING 39

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) Shintoism
B) Mount Fuji
C) a cloud of ash
D) the capital city
E) the crowded streets of Tokyo
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Mt. Fuji is a sacred site.
 2. Fuji is a tourist destination.
 3. Mt. Fuji is located at the north end of Japan.
 4. The mountain waters make a person sick.A) 3, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What's the distance between Tokyo and Fuji?
A) 212 kilometres
B) 102 kilometres
C) 112 kilometres
D) 312 kilometres
E) 12 kilometres
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. other holy places in Japan
 2. the name of Japan's religion
 3. the number of tourists who come to Fuji
 4. the name of the country where Mount Fuji is locatedA) 1, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 3, 4
D) 1, 2 E) 2, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

Shintoism is Japan's ...

- A) touristic place
B) native religion
C) national holiday
D) National costume
E) independence day

6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.

What happened in 1707?

RECORDING 40

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) the Japanese people
 B) the power of swords
 C) Japan around the 1200s
 D) the lives of expert fighters
 E) the origin of the word "samurai"

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
The samurai
 1. were warriors
 2. were superior horsemen
 3. had no right to carry swords
 4. hired lords to fight their wars
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How were the samurai's attitudes towards the poor?
 A) They were rude to the poor.
 B) They didn't care about the poor.
 C) They were generous to the poor.
 D) They couldn't understand one another.
 E) There were no good relations between them.

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The samurai were only interested in ... and
 1. honour 2. money
 3. pride 4. wealth
 A) 2, 3 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why were the samurai hired by lords?
 1. to fight their wars
 2. to protect their land
 3. to become powerful in Japan
 4. to teach them to protect themselves
 A) 2, 3 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "soldiers".

RECORDING 41

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 A) the Great Pyramid
 B) the number of pyramids
 C) the builders of the pyramids
 D) the height of the Great Pyramid
 E) the scientists' discovery about the pyramids
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Scientists are sure who the builders are.
 2. It took around two million stones to build the Great Pyramids.
 3. Many people think that the builders cut and moved the stones.
 4. The Great Pyramid of Giza is the second biggest pyramid in Egypt.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How many pyramids are there in Egypt?
 A) thirty
 B) forty-five
 C) over two hundred
 D) over one hundred
 E) over one thousand
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the height of the Great Pyramid of Giza
 2. the age of the Great Pyramid of Giza
 3. the name of the architect
 4. the weight of the stones
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The builders were probably farmers, ... and ...

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. workers | 2. craftsmen |
| 3. carpenters | 4. constructors |
| A) 2, 4 | B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4 |
| D) 2, 3 | E) 1, 3 |

6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
How old is the Great Pyramid?

RECORDING 42

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) Hogmanay
 B) the Scottish cities
 C) a piece of black coal
 D) the special week in Scotland
 E) the parties around the world

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) At Hogmanay, there is a tradition called last-footing.
 B) A tall man should bring nothing to the house.
 C) Hogmanay is celebrated around the world.
 D) In Scotland, New Year's Eve has a special name.
 E) The parties never go on all night.

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What must a man carry who will bring luck to the house?
 1. some food
 2. lots of fireworks
 3. a piece of black coal
 4. some pieces of wood
 A) 1, 2 B) 1, 3 C) 2, 4
 D) 2, 3 E) 3, 4

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the tradition in Scotland
 2. the name of the holiday in Scotland
 3. the names of other Scottish cities
 4. the kinds of Scottish music
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 3, 4

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who will bring good luck to the house?
 A) the last person to come into the house
 B) the oldest member of the family
 C) a tall man with dark hair
 D) the nearest neighbour
 E) close relatives

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The first person to come into the house in the New Year is the

RECORDING 43

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) the moon's surface
 - B) health problems
 - C) the sun's rays
 - D) space settlers
 - E) space travel

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Most space trips are too short.
 2. People travelling a long distance in space face a number of health problems.
 3. Everybody thinks sending humans into space is a smart idea.
 4. On the moon's surface the air and the sun's rays are very dangerous.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How long would a one-way trip to Mars take?

A) a year B) six years
C) six months D) two months
E) three months

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Despite the concerns, sending people into space

A) seems certain
B) is very difficult
C) seems uncertain
D) is very expensive
E) is very dangerous

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 - A) For many early space settlers, life would be extremely easy.
 - B) People would have to stay indoors most of the time.
 - C) Many people think it may be cheap to send people into space.
 - D) On the moon's surface, humans can live without any problems.
 - E) Sending humans into space is safe.

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "journey".

RECORDING 44

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) people from different backgrounds
 - B) the world's fastest growing cities
 - C) the buildings in Dubai
 - D) millions of tourists
 - E) the amazing city

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 Dubai
 1. lacks construction projects
 2. depends mostly on oil income
 3. has a number of man-made islands
 4. is one of the world's fastest growing cities

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 Who lives and works in Dubai?
 - A) people from 50 countries
 - B) people from 15 countries
 - C) individuals from 140 countries
 - D) individuals from 150 countries
 - E) businessmen from 100 countries

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the number of man-made islands
 2. the number of people who live in Dubai
 3. the city which has become a popular spot for tourists
 4. the field which most of the city's annual earnings come from

A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 2
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 - A) Buildings are built in years.
 - B) Dubai is one of the world's most influential business centres.
 - C) People from other countries are not allowed to live or work in Dubai.
 - D) Now Dubai is not a popular spot for tourists.
 - E) Most of the city's incomes come from oil.

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 People from abroad come to relax on

RECORDING 45

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 A) the World Cup
 B) a way of life in Britain
 C) famous Brazilian footballers
 D) the history of football in Brazil
 E) the first Brazilian football team

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 Brazil ...
 1. won the World Cup four times
 2. is considered the world's greatest football-playing country
 3. played its first recorded football in 1888
 4. has more professional teams than any other country in the world
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 When did Brazil play its first recorded game of football?
 A) 1888 B) 1899 C) 1889
 D) 1898 E) 1895

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the name of the famous Brazilian players
 2. other greatest football-playing countries
 3. a British man who introduced football to Brazil
 4. the first team which the Brazilian team played with
 A) 2, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 3 E) 1, 2

5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 How many times has the Brazilian team won the World Cup?
 A) four times B) seven times
 C) five times D) eight times
 E) six times

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "players".

RECORDING 46

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) Picasso's childhood
 - B) Picasso's paintings
 - C) the greatest artists
 - D) Picasso's father
 - E) a great artist
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Picasso never stopped working.
 2. Picasso left the world the genius of his art.
 3. Picasso was very happy that his son liked to draw.
 4. Picasso one of the greatest artists of the twelfth century.

A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 2
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What was Picasso's father?
 - A) a singer
 - B) a painter
 - C) an actor
 - D) an engineer
 - E) a teacher
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the number of Picasso's pictures
 2. the name of his famous work
 3. his father's profession
 4. his father's name

A) 2, 3 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 2
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
As a child, he sat happily with ... and drew for hours.
 - A) his paper and pencils
 - B) his sister and brother
 - C) his teacher
 - D) his friends
 - E) his father

6. Write your answer to the question according to the passage.
How many pictures did Picasso paint?

RECORDING 47

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) Presidents and world leaders
 B) a professional soccer player
 C) Pele's intelligence
 D) World Cup titles
 E) Pele's doctors

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Pele scored 1,281 goals.
 2. Pele was respected all over the world.
 3. Presidents and world leaders were invited by Pele to his country.
 4. Doctors couldn't find out why he played soccer so well.
 A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 2
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why did Nigeria stop its war for a short time?
 A) to allow Pele to play
 B) to let Pele invite world leaders
 C) to let the presidents invite Pele
 D) to let its people watch soccer matches
 E) to allow the World Cup soccer matches to continue

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Pele liked ... and
 1. to do math problems
 2. to do shopping
 3. play the piano
 4. play chess
 A) 1, 3 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 4 E) 2, 4

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) Presidents and world leaders hated him for his fame.
 B) Pele played professional soccer for 23 years.
 C) He helped Brazil win four World Cup titles.
 D) He had no other hobbies which he liked.
 E) Pele had excellent eyesight.

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "talent".

RECORDING 48

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) species of butterflies
 - B) migratory butterflies
 - C) living in Canada
 - D) a long distance
 - E) climate change
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
 - A) Butterflies lay eggs both in Mexico and Canada.
 - B) Butterflies always go to the different places.
 - C) They fly 45 km every day for three months.
 - D) They don't live for a long time.
 - E) They lay eggs and then die.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why do Monarch Butterflies fly to Mexico?
 - A) There is nothing to eat in Mexico.
 - B) They can't lay eggs in Canada.
 - C) They don't like Canada at all.
 - D) Because it is cold in Canada.
 - E) Because it is cold in Mexico.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the distance that butterflies fly every day
 2. the name of the place in Mexico where butterflies go every year
 3. the number of butterflies which flies to Mexico every year
 4. the name of the month when butterflies start to fly back to Canada
 - A) 2, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
 - D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

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5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How long do butterflies stay in Mexico?
 - A) two months B) seven months
 - C) six months D) seven days
 - E) six days

6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "butterflies".
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RECORDING 49

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) other planets
B) a noise in the sky
C) a natural phenomenon
D) people struck by lightning
E) tropical regions in the world
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
A) When lightning hits the tree, it burns it.
B) A lot of lightning in the sky predicts rain.
C) It is impossible to see a thunderstorm in a clear sky.
D) A thunderstorm occurs at the beginning of spring and autumn.
E) Sometimes lightning strikes the buildings, trees, animals and people.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What do thunderstorms cause every year?
A) forest fires B) lightning
C) tornadoes D) floods
E) droughts
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the name of the planets where a thunderstorm is observed
 2. the number of people struck by lightning
 3. the names of tropical regions
 4. the harm of a thunderstormA) 2, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 3 E) 1, 3
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Where do the most dangerous types of the thunderstorms happen?
A) in the deserts
B) in dense forests
C) in the tropical regions
D) in the subtropical regions
E) in the mountainous places
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
A thunderstorm happens when ...

RECORDING 50

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) mugham schools in Azerbaijan
B) different types of mugham
C) our oldest and main music
D) the secrets of mugham
E) our ancient culture
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. There is one type of mugham at present.
 2. Mugham is considered a masterpiece in Azerbaijan.
 3. There is no big mugham school in our country today.
 4. Rast, Bayati Shiraz and Shur are popular all over the world.A) 2, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 1, 2
D) 2, 3 E) 3, 4
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Which mugham schools were there in Azerbaijan in the 20th century?
 1. Shamakhi 2. Garabagh
 3. Shusha 4. Shirvan
 5. BakuA) 1, 2, 3 B) 2, 4, 5 C) 1, 4, 5
D) 1, 3, 4 E) 2, 3, 5
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage.
 1. the names of famous mugham singers
 2. the age of young mugham singers
 3. the main theme of mugham
 4. different types of mughamA) 2, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Mugham is a main part of ...
A) the world's ancient history
B) Azerbaijani modern music
C) our musical instruments
D) classical tradition
E) our country
6. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Who teaches the secrets of mugham to young ones?

RECORDING 51

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...

- A) the Earth's atmosphere
- B) greenhouse gases
- C) climate change
- D) fossil fuels
- E) scientists

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?

- 1. Greenhouse gases occur only naturally.
- 2. Higher sea levels can cause flooding of coastal lands.
- 3. Scientists are completely sure about what causes climate change.
- 4. Most scientists believe that human activity is speeding up climate change.

- A) 2, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 3, 4
- D) 2, 3 E) 1, 2

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What can cause sea levels to rise drastically?

- A) fossil fuels
- B) human activity
- C) greenhouse gases
- D) the world's glaciers
- E) the Earth's atmosphere

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?

- 1. fossil fuels
- 2. deforestation
- 3. rivers and seas
- 4. the Earth's temperature

- A) 1, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 3, 4
- D) 1, 2 E) 2, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

Warmer ocean water can increase ... on the coast.

- A) climate change
- B) storm activity
- C) droughts
- D) sunlight
- E) floods

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "effects".

RECORDING 52

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 - A) Piris Eliyahu
 - B) a famous composer
 - C) a musician's parents
 - D) a well-known musician
 - E) Azerbaijani mugham singers
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Mark Eliyahu was born in Israel.
 2. Mark's father was a talented pianist.
 3. Mark's music teacher was Adalat Vazirov.
 4. Mark recorded his first solo album in 2004.

A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why did Mark Eliyahu move to Baku?
 - A) to learn kamancheh under guidance of Habil Aliyev
 - B) to learn kamancheh under guidance of Adalat Vazirov
 - C) to participate in a song contest
 - D) to record his first solo album
 - E) to live here with his parents
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. his birthplace
 2. the name of his mother
 3. the name of his first solo album
 4. the cause of his emigration to Israel

A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
D) 1, 3 E) 3, 4
5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
At age 16, he was inspired by ...
 - A) Israel Chamber Orchestra
 - B) Habil Aliyev's performance
 - C) Adalat Vazirov's performance
 - D) prominent kamancheh players
 - E) Alim Qasimov and his daughter
6. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Where did Mark perform his first solo album with his ensemble?

RECORDING 53

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage mainly about
 A) Beethoven's family
 B) famous compositions
 C) the death of Beethoven
 D) the life of a famous composer
 E) Beethoven's first performance
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770 in Vienna.
 2. Beethoven could play both a violin and a piano.
 3. He gave his first performance as a pianist.
 4. Beethoven's parents were musicians.
 A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 2
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What happened in 1783?
 A) His first composition was published.
 B) Ludwig van Beethoven was born.
 C) He travelled to Vienna to study.
 D) He gave his first performance.
 E) He returned to Bonn.
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the name of Beethoven's compositions
 2. the name of his mother's illness
 3. the city where Beethoven died
 4. the name of his first music
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 3, 4

5. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) Beethoven had three sons.
 B) He was completely deaf by 1790.
 C) He couldn't write any compositions after his deafness.
 D) He returned from Vienna because of his illness.
 E) After he became deaf, he continued to compose great music.
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
In the late 1790s, Beethoven began

RECORDING 54

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 - A) Shakira's country
 - B) a Colombian singer
 - C) dance classes in Colombia
 - D) Latin America's celebrities
 - E) Shakira's school presentations

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Shakira is also a great dancer.
 2. Shakira can speak a few languages.
 3. Shakira is one of North America's top celebrities.
 4. Shakira became very famous when she started singing in Spanish.

A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 3
D) 3, 4 E) 2, 4

3. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 - A) Shakira's mother is Lebanese.
 - B) Shakira and Pique have three children.
 - C) Shakira was born on February 2 in the USA.
 - D) Shakira loved acting in musicals at university.
 - E) Shakira first acted in public when she was ten.

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the name of her parents
 2. the name of her children
 3. the place where she was born
 4. the names of her famous songs

A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 4
D) 1, 2 E) 2, 4

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

When she was five,

- A) she went to dance classes in Colombia
- B) she learned to sing at school presentations
- C) she moved to the USA with her family
- D) she could speak a few languages
- E) Shakira became very famous

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "dancer".
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RECORDING 55

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 A) Lake Victoria
 B) West Virginia
 C) Kagera River
 D) Queen Victoria
 E) the world's lakes

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. It is the biggest lake in the world.
 2. It gets most of its water from rainfall.
 3. It is situated in the state of West Virginia.
 4. It is the second-biggest freshwater lake in the world.
 A) 1, 2 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 3

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How many square miles is the area of Lake Victoria?
 A) almost 2,700 B) almost 17,000
 C) almost 28,000 D) almost 37,000
 E) almost 27,000

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the names of British explorers
 2. the names of the countries where it is located
 3. the first-biggest freshwater lake in the world
 4. the name of the biggest river flowing into Lake Victoria
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 4

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

After the first British explorers found the lake ...

- A) they lived around it for a long time
- B) they named it after Queen Victoria
- C) they moved people to other places
- D) they used the lake for electricity
- E) they called the lake Ukerewe

6. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.

What do some rivers bring to the lake?

RECORDING 56

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) popular music
B) dance techniques
C) American singers
D) the Jackson family
E) one of the famous singers
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) Michael Jackson had eight children.
B) Michael Jackson has millions of fans.
C) Michael Jackson was born in the U.K.
D) He made his professional debut with his sisters.
E) His dance techniques aren't popular in the world.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When did Michael Jackson die?
A) on August 19 in 1958
B) on August 29 in 1958
C) on the 25th of July in 1980
D) on the 25th of June in 2009
E) on the 15th of June in 2009
4. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
A) His music and fashion made him a global figure for over four decades.
B) He was one of the most significant cultural figures of the 19th century.
C) His music videos became famous in only a few countries.
D) He was the least successful entertainer of all time.
E) Jackson made his professional debut in 1980.
5. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
1. Jackson's parents
2. Jackson's movies
3. Jackson's brothers
4. Jackson's music videos
A) 2, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 1, 2
D) 3, 4 E) 1, 3
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Michael Jackson became ... in popular music.

RECORDING 57

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) India B) Delhi
 C) Mumbai D) Dharavi
 E) Bollywood

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Delhi is an important seaport.
 2. Mumbai is the financial and commercial capital of India.
 3. Delhi is the home of the movie industry, Bollywood.
 4. Most of the millionaires and billionaires live in Mumbai.
 A) 2, 4 B) 3, 4 C) 1, 3
 D) 2, 3 E) 1, 2

3. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) Rich people live in Dharavi.
 B) Twelve million people live in Mumbai.
 C) Trains are the cheapest way of travelling.
 D) Most commuters in Mumbai travel by train.
 E) The city of Mumbai has the biggest population in India.

4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the first most populated city in India
 2. the number of people who live in Delhi
 3. the most important industries in Mumbai
 4. the number of millionaires and billionaires in India
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 4 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 2, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 The cheapest and most convenient way of travelling around the city is ... or

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| 1. by bus | 2. by train |
| 3. by taxi | 4. by rickshaw |
| A) 1, 2 | B) 2, 4 |
| D) 1, 3 | C) 2, 3 |
| | E) 3, 4 |

6. Write two adjectives from the passage which characterize "harbour".

RECORDING 58

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about
 A) Indonesian monuments
 B) the Mataram kingdom
 C) a Buddhist temple
 D) Angkor Wat
 E) Indonesia

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Its construction was influenced by the Gupta architecture.
 2. The temple consists of eight steps like a stone terrace.
 3. Borobudur was built in the nineteenth century.
 4. The first five terraces are circular.
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 3
 D) 3, 4 E) 2, 4

3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When was the temple rededicated as an Indonesian monument?
 A) in 1983 B) in 1938
 C) in 1973 D) in 1937
 E) in 1893

4. Choose the correct variant according to the passage.
 A) The upper three terraces are square.
 B) The first five terraces are surrounded by walls.
 C) The temple was constructed on a high mountain.
 D) The way to the summit extends through some 48 km of passage.
 E) It was built before the ancient Mataram kingdom.

5. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the location of the temple
 2. the length of the walls
 3. the name of the king
 4. the forms of terraces
 A) 1, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 2 E) 2, 3

6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Borobudur which symbolizes ... influence temples at Angkor Wat.

RECORDING 59

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
 A) Charles Dickens
 B) the British Museum
 C) printed books in English
 D) a library in the British Museum
 E) the largest libraries in the world
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. There are a collection of printed books.
 2. It is one of the smallest libraries in the world.
 3. The books in this library are in different languages.
 4. A lot of well-known people have read and studied in the library.
 A) 1, 3 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 4
 D) 2, 3 E) 1, 4
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who is Charles Dickens?
 1. He is a printer.
 2. He is a famous English writer.
 3. He is the author of "David Copperfield".
 4. He is the owner of the first printing-press.
 A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
 1. the number of books in the library
 2. the number of old manuscripts which are kept in glass cases
 3. the name of the printer who printed the first English books
 4. the names of other well-known people who have read and studied in the library
 A) 2, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
 D) 2, 3 E) 1, 3

5. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
They receive nearly two thousand ... and ... daily.
 1. books 2. visitors
 3. papers 4. manuscripts
 A) 3, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 1, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
6. Write one adjective from the passage that describes "men".

RECORDING 60

Listen to the passage and answer questions 1-6.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) wonderful birds
B) owls' large eyes
C) all birds of prey
D) one of the birds of prey
E) super tactics for hunting
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
A) Owls can't move their eyes.
B) They can see everything on the ground.
C) Owls fly least silently among the other birds.
D) Owls' beaks play an important role while eating their prey.
E) Their soft feather helps them not make a sound while flying.
3. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Where don't owls live?
1. in polar ice caps
2. in tropical deserts
3. in mountainous places
4. in some remote islands
A) 1, 2 B) 3, 4 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
4. Which information is **not** given in the passage?
1. the shape of an owl's beak
2. the names of other birds of prey
3. the names of animals which owls hunt
4. the reason why owls hunt their preys at night
A) 2, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 3 E) 1, 3
5. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What helps owls not make a sound while flying?
A) their eyes
B) soft feather
C) super tactics
D) unusual skills
E) binocular vision
6. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Owls can turn ... as much as 270°.

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READING 1 (101 words)

Christmas is the biggest festival of the year. Families usually come together to celebrate it. People put up decorations and decorate a Christmas tree. In many countries people open their presents and have their Christmas meal on Christmas Eve, but in Britain people normally do these things on Christmas Day. The traditional meal is turkey with vegetables, followed by Christmas pudding. The next day is a holiday, too. We call it Boxing Day. On Boxing Day, people often visit friends, or go to sports matches. They go shopping, too, because a lot of shops start their winter sales on Boxing Day.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) Christmas trees B) Christmas
C) Christmas meals D) Boxing Day
E) Christmas in Britain
- Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
1. In Britain people normally have their Christmas meal on Christmas Eve.
2. Christmas is the biggest festival of the year.
3. People put up decorations and decorate a Christmas tree.
4. In many countries people open their presents on Christmas Day.
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) match B) turkey C) holiday
D) pudding E) sale
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What's the traditional meal on Christmas Day?
A) baked potato B) burger
C) bacon and egg salad D) chicken salad
E) turkey with vegetables

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to make something look more attractive by putting things on it".
A) to celebrate B) to decorate
C) to follow D) to visit
E) to start

- Choose the close meaning of the word "gift" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The day after Christmas Day is called ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do many people go shopping on Boxing Day?

READING 2 (101 words)

Mountain Everest in Nepal is the highest mountain in the world. It is over twenty-nine thousand feet high. In 1924, George Mallory and Andrew Irvine tried to reach the top of Mount Everest, but they could not do it.

In 1953, twelve British mountain climbers wanted to climb to the top. The climbers camped at twenty-five thousand feet. Two climbers tried to reach the top, but they could not do it. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay left the camp on May 28th and reached the top the next day. They became the first people to climb to the top of Mount Everest.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the base camp
 B) Mount Everest
 C) Nepal
 D) the British climbers
 E) the 28th of May
2. Which statements are true according to the passage?
 ... became one of the first people to climb to the top of Mount Everest.
 1. George Mallory
 2. Edmund Hillary
 3. Andrew Irvine
 4. Tenzing Norgay
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) day B) feet C) camp
 D) climber E) Everest
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How tall is Mount Everest?
 A) over nine thousand feet high
 B) over thirty-nine thousand feet high
 C) over twenty-five thousand feet high
 D) over twenty-nine thousand feet high
 E) over twenty thousand feet high

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to go towards the top of something".
 A) to climb B) to reach C) to top
 D) to camp E) to leave
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "to arrive" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Twelve British mountain climbers camped at ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 What happened on May 29, 1953?

READING 3 (101 words)

The London underground, usually called "the tube", is enormous and can take you everywhere quickly. It is hot and uncomfortable in the summer. It can be confusing for tourists who often get on the wrong train. Unlike the underground, the buses give you a good view of the city, but if the traffic is bad your journey can take a long time. Special tickets are very economical for both buses and the underground. Taxis are excellent, but very expensive. Never drive a car to the center. It is impossible to park. Riding a bike is good when the weather is fine.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) city of London
 B) bad traffic in London
 C) public transport in London
 D) tourists of London
 E) expensive transport
2. Which statements are *false* according to the passage?
 1. The underground in London is not quick.
 2. Taxis in London are not cheap.
 3. It is difficult to find car park in the city center.
 4. Special tickets are very expensive.
 A) 2, 3 B) 1, 2 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) ticket B) bus C) taxi
 D) summer E) underground
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 What kind of transport is better for tourists to see the city?
 A) a bus B) the underground
 C) a bike D) a taxi
 E) a car

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "the act of travelling from one place to another".
 A) traffic B) a train
 C) a tourist D) a ticket
 E) a journey
6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "cheap" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 People sometimes journey in the city for a long time when ...

8. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Guests who come to London are confused when they get on ...

READING 4 (102 words)

Things have changed a lot since the first modern Games in Athens. Women could not compete in 1896, but today there are women athletes in most events, and at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, for the first time, every country had women in their team.

There are also now Winter Olympic Games, and Paralympic Games for people with disabilities.

One of the most important ideas behind the Olympics is that sport is for everybody. There are hundreds of exciting events, and millions of people watch them on TV. The Olympics have become the most amazing two weeks in the world sport!

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the first modern Games
 B) the year 1896
 C) two days in the world sport
 D) the Olympic Games today
 E) hundreds of exciting events
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) The first modern Games were held in London.
 B) The 2012 Olympic Games were held in Athens.
 C) The Olympics have become the most amazing two weeks in the world sport.
 D) Thousands of people watch the Games on TV.
 E) Winter Olympic Games have been held since 1896.
3. The underlined word "them" in the passage refers to ...
 A) events B) weeks C) teams
 D) games E) ideas
4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What is one of the main ideas behind the Olympics?
 A) Sport is for everybody.
 B) Sport is for women.
 C) Sport is for men.
 D) Sport is for kids.
 E) Sport is for show.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*designed and made using the most recent ideas and methods*"?
 A) important B) exciting
 C) modern D) amazing
 E) most
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "*competition*" from the passage..

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 There are also Paralympic Games for ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 What happened for the first time in 2012?

Each state in the USA has got its own government and its own capital city. The federal capital for the whole of the USA is Washington DC. The US President lives there, in the White House. The flag of the USA is called the 'Stars and Stripes'. There is one star for each of the fifty states on it. The thirteen stripes are for the original thirteen states. These states formed the USA in 1776. The first settlers in the USA came from Britain, but now the USA has people from all over the world - from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the US President
 B) the states in America
 C) South America
 D) Africa
 E) the original states
2. Which statements are *true* according to the passage?
 1. Each state in the USA has got its own government.
 2. The first settlers in the USA came from Asia.
 3. The federal capital for the whole of the USA is New York.
 4. Each state in the USA has got its own capital city.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) world B) house C) city
 D) government E) flag
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 What is the number of original states formed the USA in 1776?
 A) fifty B) fifty-one C) thirty
 D) thirteen E) thirty-one

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a city that is the centre of government of a country".
 A) a government B) a settler
 C) a stripe D) a capital
 E) a state
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "resident" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 The flag of the USA is called the ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 What does the number of stars on the U.S. flag represent?

READING 6 (103 words)

Masdar is a small city in the United Arab Emirates. In the future, it will hold 50,000 people, more than 1,000 companies and a university. Its streets are very narrow. The houses are close to each other. The shade from the houses helps keep the streets cool. There are no cars on the streets of Masdar. Because the city is so small, people can walk to most places. If they get tired, they can use small solar-powered cars move underground, like a subway. The cars have no drivers. People just tell the car where they want to go, and it takes them there.

1. What is the **passage** mainly about?
A) United Arab Emirates
B) the city of Masdar
C) narrow streets
D) magic cars
E) the population of Masdar
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) The houses are next to each other.
B) Masdar is a very large city.
C) The streets are hot.
D) The drivers of the cars are very kind.
E) There is a company and a university in Masdar.
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) car B) street C) place
D) subway E) university
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why are the streets of Masdar cool?
A) The city is very small.
B) There are many trees there.
C) It rains a lot.
D) There are many subways in the city.
E) The houses are very close to each other.

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5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*to have enough space for something*".
A) to hold B) to keep
C) to walk D) to move
E) to take
 6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "*wide*" from the passage.

 7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People just command the car ...

 8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What can the people do when they get tired?

READING 7 (103 words)

Hirofada Ototake is a happy, successful man. He has a disability. He was born with a condition called "tetra-amelia". It is a rare condition and children with tetra-amelia are born without arms or legs. As a young boy, Oto's parents sent him to a regular school instead of a special school for children with disabilities. He worked hard at school to get into Waseda University. He also worked hard at sports such as baseball, basketball and swimming. He got a good job. Oto got married in 2001, and he now has two young sons. He works as an elementary school teacher in Tokyo.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) tetra-amelia
B) a successful man with a disability
C) a student of Waseda University
D) a university teacher
E) a sportsman
- Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) Hirofada Ototake is a normal person.
B) Oto didn't go to school.
C) He doesn't have a job.
D) Oto has got children.
E) He is a high school teacher.
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) disability B) arm C) school
D) leg E) tetra-amelia
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What syndrome is tetra-amelia?
A) It is a rare condition.
B) It is an infectious disease.
C) It is the absence of two legs.
D) It is a common condition.
E) It is the absence of two arms.

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "happening or doing something often".
A) successful B) happy
C) regular D) young
E) hard
- Choose the opposite meaning of the word "single" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Oto studied hard ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Which sports did Oto like?

READING 8 (104 words)

The USA has a population of about 300 million people. Most of them live in cities. The largest city in the USA is New York. About eight million people live there. The second largest city is Los Angeles in California and the third largest is Chicago.

There are fifty states in the United States. Some of the eastern states, like Rhode Island and Delaware, are quite small. Rhode Island is, in fact, the smallest state. Others, like Texas, California and Alaska, are bigger than a lot of countries. Alaska is the largest state. It has also got the highest mountain in North America – Mount McKinley.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) Alaska
B) North America
C) the U.S. population
D) the largest country in the world
E) the USA
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Delaware is the smallest state.
 2. There are fifty states in the United States.
 3. The largest city in the USA is New York.
 4. About eight million people live in Chicago.A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) Texas B) Rhode Island
C) Delaware D) Alaska
E) California
4. Choose the correct answer to the question. In which state is Mount McKinley located?
A) California B) Alaska
C) Texas D) Rhode Island
E) Delaware

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5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a raised part of the earth's surface, much larger than a hill".
A) population B) a mountain
C) an island D) a state
E) a country
 6. Choose the close meaning of the word "little" from the passage.

 7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The second largest city in the USA is ...

 8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What is the population of the U.S.?

READING 9 (104 words)

Forests that get a lot of rain and heavy many tall trees are called rainforests. Rainforests are home to more plants and animals than any other place on Earth. Most of the world's freshwater is in rainforests. They also make about twenty percent of the Earth's oxygen.

Rainforests are important, but people are cutting them down. They sell the trees, and then use the land for farming. What will happen to the animals that live there? Some animals won't have a place to live. We need to take care of the rainforests today, to make sure that the Earth stays healthy in the future.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) farming B) the animals
 C) heavy rain D) the world's freshwater
 E) the rainforests

2. Which statements are *true* according to the passage?
 1. Rainforests get a lot of rain.
 2. There are few plants and animals in the rainforests.
 3. Half of the world's freshwater is in rainforests.
 4. People are cutting the trees down.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4

3. The underlined word "them" in the passage refers to ...
 A) plants B) animals C) lands
 D) rainforests E) places

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What will happen to the animals that live in the rainforests?
 A) They all will die in a few years.
 B) Some animals won't have a place to live.
 C) They will have a safe life.
 D) They will live there for a long time.
 E) Some animals won't attack people.

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to give someone or something a name".
 A) to make B) to cut
 C) to need D) to use
 E) to call

6. Choose the close meaning of the word "to take place" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
They also make about ... of the Earth's oxygen.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do we need to take care of the rainforests today?

READING 10 (105 words)

Pizza is certainly one of the world's favorite foods. People have been making pizza for a very long time. People in the Stone Age cooked grains on hot rocks to make dough – the basic ingredient of pizza. Over time, people used the dough as a plate, covering it with various other foods, herbs, and spices. They had developed the world's first pizza. In 1830, cooks in Naples took a big step in pizza history – they opened the world's first pizza restaurant.

Today, up to five billion pizzas are served every year around the world. In the U.S. alone, about 350 slices are eaten every second!

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the cooks in Naples
 B) modern pizzas
 C) people's favourite food
 D) a pizza restaurant
 E) the Stone Age
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. People have been making pizza for two centuries.
 2. People in the Stone Age took a big step in pizza history.
 3. Pizza is certainly one of the world's favorite foods.
 4. People used the dough as a plate.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) herb B) dough C) food
 D) grain E) pizza
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How many pizzas are served every year around the world?
 A) five thousand B) seven million
 C) four billion D) five billion
 E) three hundred and fifty

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to give somebody food or drink".
 A) to make B) to cook
 C) to cover D) to serve
 E) to develop
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "different" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People in the Stone Age cooked grains on hot rocks to make ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What happened in 1830?

READING 11 (106 words)

With over 13 million people living there, Tokyo is one of the largest cities in the world. It is also the capital of Japan. Tokyo is a busy and exciting city with many places to see.

Tokyo Tower is very similar to the Eiffel Tower in Paris but is nine meters taller. Tokyo Tower is not next to a train station, but you can catch a taxi or walk instead.

Ueno Zoo is Tokyo's most famous zoo. It has over 2,500 animals including the popular giant panda. To get to Ueno Zoo, take the train to Ueno Station and walk for five minutes through Ueno Park.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) Ueno Station B) the Eiffel Tower
 C) Tokyo Tower D) Ueno Zoo
 E) the capital of Japan

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Tokyo is the smallest city in the world.
 2. The Eiffel Tower is taller than Tokyo Tower.
 3. Tokyo Tower isn't next to a train station.
 4. Tokyo Tower is very similar to the Eiffel Tower.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) Ueno Park B) Ueno Station
 C) Tokyo D) Eiffel Tower
 E) Ueno Zoo

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 How long does it take on foot to get to Ueno Zoo?
 A) twenty minutes B) half an hour
 C) five minutes D) fifteen minutes
 E) ten minutes

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to stop a person or animal that is trying to escape".
 A) to catch B) to include
 C) to live D) to walk
 E) to get

6. Choose the close meaning of the word "alike" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Ueno Zoo has over 2,500 animals including the popular giant ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 Where is the Eiffel Tower located?

READING 12 (107 words)

Sumo is a kind of wrestling that comes from Japan. It is Japan's national sport. The origin of sumo wrestling is religious. It came from Japan's Shinto religion. Each sumo match starts with a traditional ceremony. The ceremony is as important as the wrestling, and the people like to watch it. After the ceremony, the wrestling match starts.

Weight is important to sumo wrestlers, but they must also have speed, strength, balance, and technique. Sumo wrestlers can have health problems because of their weight. They often have heart trouble, high blood pressure, diabetes, and injuries from wrestling. Most wrestlers try to lose weight after they retire.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) heart trouble
B) the wrestling match
C) high blood pressure
D) religion in Japan
E) Japan's national sport
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Each sumo match starts with a ceremony.
 2. All wrestlers have health problems because of their weight.
 3. The ceremony is not so important as the wrestling.
 4. The people are interested in watching the ceremony.A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) wrestling B) balance C) strength
D) ceremony E) speed

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. *What do most wrestlers do after they retire?*
A) They try to keep their speed.
B) They try to keep their strength.
C) They try to lose weight.
D) They try to keep their balance.
E) They try to gain weight.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a sports competition or event"?
A) a ceremony
B) a religion
C) a wrestler
D) a match
E) weight
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "wound" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
After the ceremony ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What is the origin of sumo wrestling?

READING 13 (107 words)

The environment is in trouble. Since the early twentieth century, the average world temperature has risen by about 0.8°C . One of the biggest causes of global warming is high energy use. Modern life depends on technology, and a lot of energy is needed to light and heat buildings, power vehicles, or simply operate our computers and cell phones. When fossil fuels like coal and oil are burned to produce energy, they create greenhouse gases. These are gases which stay in the Earth's atmosphere and make the world hotter. Waste is also harming the planet. It pollutes the environment, and we're running out of places to put it!

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) the Earth's atmosphere
B) the environmental problems
C) the power vehicles
D) technology
E) the world temperature
- Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
1. Waste is harming the planet.
2. The average world temperature has dropped by about 0.8°C .
3. Modern life depends on technology.
4. Oxygen pollutes the environment.
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) environment B) energy C) gas
D) technology E) waste
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What do we need to light and heat buildings?
A) environment
B) computers
C) a lot of energy
D) the Earth's atmosphere
E) cell phones

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to make air, water, or earth dirty".
A) to produce B) to pollute
C) to operate D) to burn
E) to rise
- Choose the close meaning of the word "reason" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Coal and oil are considered ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What makes the world hotter?

READING 14 (107 words)

Throughout history, explorers have reported finding Atlantis. In 2004, the explorer Robert Sarmast reported finding the island's remains on an undersea mountain near Cyprus.

However, Sarmast and other scientists later found out these findings were natural, not man-made.

Many people think Atlantis is simply a story. The purpose of it was to teach people about the evils of greed. Richard Ellis published a book on Atlantis in 1999. He says "there is not a piece of solid evidence" for a real Atlantis.

So was the island real or not? Only one thing is certain: the mystery of Atlantis will be with us for a long time.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) Richard Ellis
B) the mountain near Cyprus
C) the evils of greed
D) the mystery of Atlantis
E) Robert Sarmast
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Sarmast and other scientists later found out the findings were natural.
 2. Many people think Atlantis is a real story.
 3. Richard Ellis published a book on Atlantis in 1989.
 4. The mystery of Atlantis will be with us for a long time.A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) story B) mystery C) evidence
D) greed E) finding
4. Choose the correct answer to the question. *What does Richard Ellis say about Atlantis in his book?*
A) There is not a piece of evidence for a real Atlantis.
B) There are some findings that are evidence for a real Atlantis.
C) The island's remains on an undersea mountain near Cyprus.
D) The findings are man-made.
E) Atlantis is no longer a mystery.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "anything that helps to prove that something is or is not true".
A) an explorer B) a scientist
C) a purpose D) a mystery
E) evidence
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "aim" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Throughout history, ... have reported finding Atlantis.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What was the purpose of the story about Atlantis according to many people?

READING 15 (107 words)

You can find the names of colors in a lot of English expressions. Many of these expressions talk about colors in different ways. For example, the expression "black and white" can have different meanings. If something is black and white, it means it is clear, easy to understand. Some people see everything in black and white, which means that they judge everything they see as either good or bad. The color red is often used to talk about things that are hot or exciting. This color means embarrassing and anger, too. Blue means sadness. When people are blue, or have got blues, it means they feel sad.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) the meanings of the colors
B) English expressions
C) black and white
D) different colors in the world
E) embarrassing expressions
- Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
A) Colors make different expressions
B) "Black and white" has one meaning.
C) The color blue means sadness.
D) When people are blue, it means they feel sad.
E) The color black and white means clearness.
- The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) people B) colours C) ways
D) things E) expressions
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What color means shyness?
A) red B) blue
C) black and white D) black
E) white

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to decide about something or someone".
A) to find B) to talk
C) to judge D) to mean
E) to understand
- Choose the opposite meaning of the word "happiness" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
There are some names of colors in ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What color means sadness?

READING 16 (108 words)

Buckingham Palace is in London, England. It was built around 1705. It is famous because Queen Elizabeth of England lives there. Buckingham Palace is a big and beautiful building. A flag flies at the palace. It flies on top of the palace when the queen is there.

Buckingham Palace is like a small town. It has a police station, a hospital, two post offices, a movie theater, a swimming pool, two sports clubs, a garden, and a lake. The palace has about 600 rooms. About 400 people work there. Two people have very unusual jobs. They take care of the clocks. There are 300 clocks in Buckingham Palace.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) a big town B) London
C) Buckingham Palace D) England
E) Queen Elizabeth
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
Buckingham Palace ...
 1. has 400 clocks
 2. is like a small town
 3. is a place where the King lives
 4. has about 600 roomsA) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) office B) station C) palace
D) theatre E) hospital
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What job do the two people do in the palace?
A) They look after the Queen.
B) They do gardening.
C) They clean the swimming pool.
D) They work in a hospital.
E) They take care of the clocks.

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a large house that is the official home of a king, queen".
A) a palace B) a building
C) a theater D) a station
E) a hospital
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "well known" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
... flies on top of the palace when the queen is there.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why is Buckingham Palace famous?

READING 17 (108 words)

Running is a great way to exercise. To be safe when you run, always follow these rules.

Walk or run slowly at first. You can then run more quickly. This will help your body warm up and keep you from getting hurt. Relax your arms and hold your head up. Always wear colourful clothes and be careful of traffic. Comfortable running shoes are important, too.

After you run, walk slowly for five to eight minutes. **This** will help you cool down. Relax and drink some water. You can run often, but don't run every day. These rules will help you get in shape and stay healthy. Keep running.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- A) how to avoid the rules
- B) walking slowly
- C) the running rules
- D) traffic jams
- E) drinking water

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?

- 1. Always follow some rules to be safe when you run.
- 2. Always walk or run quickly at first.
- 3. Running quickly at first will help your body warm up.
- 4. Relax your arms and hold your head up.

- A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
- D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. The underlined word "this" in the passage refers to ...

- A) wearing shoes
- B) running quickly
- C) wearing colourful clothes
- D) keeping running
- E) walking slowly

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
The running rules help you ...

- 1. get stuck in traffic jams
 - 2. get in shape
 - 3. get hurt
 - 4. stay healthy
- A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to act as ordered by someone".

- A) to exercise
- B) to follow
- C) to keep
- D) to hold
- E) to relax

6. Choose the close meaning of the word "cosy" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

Running is a great way to ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.

What kind of clothes should you always wear while running?

READING 18 (109 words)

On your birthday you get cards and presents from your family and friends. Parents often buy a big present like a bike or MP3 player. Other people give toys, sweets, books, clothes, CDs, DVDs and things like that.

People normally have a birthday party for their friends. There's usually a birthday cake with one candle for each year of your age. The person with the birthday blows out the candles and makes a wish. Then everybody sings Happy Birthday! People often have a party in their own home. Some older children don't have a party. They take their friends to the cinema, a bowling alley or somewhere like that.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) birthday candles
B) CDs and DVDs
C) toys and books
D) a birthday celebration
E) a birthday cake
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. People often have a birthday party outside.
 2. There's usually a birthday cake with one candle for each year of your age.
 3. On your birthday your family and friends get cards and presents from you.
 4. People normally have a birthday party for their friends.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) some parents
B) many families
C) some parties
D) some older children
E) many people

4. Choose the correct answer to the question: *What does the person with the birthday do at their birthday party?*
 1. They buy a small present.
 2. They make a wish.
 3. They sing Happy Birthday!
 4. They blow out the candles.

A) 2, 4 B) 1, 3 C) 1, 2
D) 3, 4 E) 1, 4
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*the period of time someone has been alive or something has existed*"?
A) a birthday B) a present
C) a candle D) an alley
E) age
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "*dream*" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Parents often buy a present like ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Where do some older children take their friends on their birthday?

READING 19 (109 words)

If we don't recycle plastic and glass, they stay in the ground for a long time. Dangerous chemicals can also go underground, where they are harmful to plants and animals. Whenever we recycle bottles and cans, we reduce land pollution.

Some power plants and factories put pollution into the air. Cars, trucks, and planes can also cause air pollution. Whenever we ride a bike or keep the air conditioner on low, we reduce air pollution.

The same plastics and chemicals that are harmful to our land can also be found in our oceans, rivers and lakes. Whenever we recycle garbage or shut off the water, we reduce water pollution.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) chemicals underground
 B) the harmful plants
 C) the main causes of pollution
 D) the air conditioner
 E) air pollution
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. Plastics and chemicals are harmful to our land.
 2. Whenever we recycle bottles and cans, we cause land pollution.
 3. If we recycle plastic and glass, they stay in the ground for a long time.
 4. Cars, trucks, and planes can also cause air pollution.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 1, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
 A) chemicals B) rivers C) cans
 D) oceans E) bottles

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What do we reduce whenever we ride a bike or keep the air conditioner on low?
 A) air pollution B) land pollution
 C) water pollution D) rivers
 E) oceans
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to make something smaller in amount".
 A) to recycle B) to reduce
 C) to cause D) to keep
 E) to ride
6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "safe" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Some chemicals can also go underground, where they are harmful to ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 How can we reduce water pollution?

READING 20 (109 words)

Dubai is one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates. It enjoys sunny days and warm temperatures year round. The best time to visit here is between November and March when the sun is not so strong. Every year millions of visitors come to Dubai. The beautiful architecture, sunny beaches, surrounding desert and outstanding hotels are some of Dubai's attractions. There are also many activities to enjoy, such as scuba diving, camel racing and of course shopping. The month-long Dubai Shopping Festival brings 3.3 million shoppers. There is also unusual activity here. It is sand skiing. Both tourist and locals love this sport. This activity is exciting.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) United Arab Emirates
 B) tourists of Dubai
 C) activities in emirates
 D) shopping centers
 E) Dubai
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) It is cold in Dubai in November.
 B) Dubai is one of the seven emirates of the USA.
 C) The weather is hot the whole year in Dubai.
 D) The weather becomes cold only in March.
 E) Tourists rarely visit Dubai.
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) racing B) activity C) diving
 D) sport E) shopping
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 When is the best time to go to Dubai?
 A) from March till winter
 B) until November
 C) between November and March
 D) only in summer
 E) all year long
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to get pleasure from something".
 A) to visit B) to bring
 C) to love D) to enjoy
 E) to come
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "excellent" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Shopping Festival in Dubai attracts ... shoppers.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 What activities are there in Dubai?

READING 21 (111 words)

Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. Ice covers more than 99 percent of the continent. It also covers a lot of the seas around it. Of course there is snow everywhere, too. It doesn't snow very often, but the wind always blows snow around. There are no trees in Antarctica, and there are few green plants. Tiny insects and worms are the only land animals. The sea has lots of different animals. There are different species of whales, seal, fish and birds. The most famous birds are penguins. It is very difficult to live there, but the tourists like to visit Antarctica because of its unusual landscape and interesting animals.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) the coldest continent
B) the animals of Antarctica
C) the seas around the continent
D) different plants in Antarctica
E) penguins and other sea animals
- Which statements are *true* according to the passage?
1. The climate is severe on the continent.
2. Antarctica is a tourist destination.
3. Worms are the only species here.
4. It often snows in Antarctica.
A) 2, 3 B) 1, 4 C) 3, 4
D) 1, 2 E) 2, 4
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) sea B) ice C) place
D) snow E) continent
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What are the famous birds around the continent?
A) insects B) fish
C) whales D) worms
E) penguins

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to move and make currents of air".
A) to cover B) to blow
C) to snow D) to visit
E) to have
- Choose the close meaning of the word "small" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Tiny insects and worms are ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do people come to see Antarctica?

READING 22 (111 words)

People often think that Britain has got a wet climate. In fact, some parts of Britain are very dry and sunny. London, for example, is drier than Rome, Sydney or New York. But some parts of Britain get a lot of rain. The west is the wettest part, because it's closer to the Atlantic Ocean. As clouds from the Atlantic Ocean move across the country, they drop most of their rain on the hills and mountains in the west. So the eastern side of Britain is much drier. However, in winter the east is often the coldest part, because it's closer to the snow and ice in Scandinavia and Eastern Europe.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) climate in Sydney
 B) some parts of Britain
 C) clouds from the Atlantic Ocean
 D) the wettest part in London
 E) climate in Britain
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Rome is drier than London.
 2. Most parts of Britain are very dry and sunny.
 3. The eastern side of Britain is much drier.
 4. The west is closer to the Atlantic Ocean.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
 A) people B) parts C) clouds
 D) mountains E) hills
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why is the east often the coldest part in Britain in winter?
 A) Because it gets a lot of rain.
 B) Because it's closer to the snow and ice.
 C) Because it is very sunny.
 D) Because clouds drop most of their rain.
 E) Because it has a dry climate.

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5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "covered in water or another liquid"?
 A) sunny
 B) dry
 C) close
 D) wet
 E) cold
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "near" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People often think that Britain has got ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Which part of Britain is the wettest?

READING 23 (111 words)

Today, many American people eat a traditional meal of turkey on Thanksgiving. Americans buy about 45 million turkeys for Thanksgiving! They usually eat it with potatoes, corn, beans, peas, and carrots. Then, for dessert, they have pumpkin or apple pie. According to tradition, these are the things that the settlers ate with the Native Americans at the first Thanksgiving meal.

Because Thanksgiving is on a Thursday, it is usually the start of a four-day holiday. A lot of towns and cities organize events to celebrate. There are big football games in Detroit and Dallas, and there's a very famous parade in New York with live music, colorful clothes, and huge balloons.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) Thanksgiving Day
B) the Native Americans
C) a traditional meal
D) the big cities in the USA
E) New Year Traditions
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
1. Americans buy about 45 million turkeys for Thanksgiving.
2. Thanksgiving is usually the start of a two-day holiday.
3. There are big football games in Detroit and Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.
4. There's a parade in Las Vegas with live music, colorful clothes, and huge balloons.
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) potatoes B) cities C) games
D) beans E) Americans

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What's the traditional meal Americans eat on Thanksgiving Day?
A) corn B) beans C) turkey
D) peas E) carrots
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "sweet food eaten at the end of a meal".
A) a turkey B) a pumpkin
C) a dessert D) a potato
E) a bean
6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "tiny" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
On Thanksgiving Americans have ... for dessert.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
On which day is Thanksgiving celebrated?

READING 24 (111 words)

Mukesh Ambani, a businessman in India, is the owner of the most expensive house in the world. Ambani's dream house is twenty seven storeys high, so it has room for everything his family needs and wants. Mr. Ambani owns a lot of cars, so the first six floors of his house are just for cars. Another floor of the house has a movie theater with seats for fifty people. Two floors of the house are for a health center with a gym and a swimming pool. The four floors at the top of the building are just for the Ambani family. From there, they have a view of the Arabian Sea.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) Ambani family
B) a view of Arabian Sea
C) a movie theater
D) India
E) a dream house
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) There is a movie theater in Ambani's house.
B) Ambani's house is very cheap.
C) Ambani's family don't live in the house.
D) The house has got six floors.
E) 50 people live in Ambani's house.
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) theatre B) storey C) house
D) center E) floor
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How tall is Mr. Ambani's house?
A) seven storeys high
B) twenty-seven storeys high
C) twenty storeys high
D) fifty storeys high
E) four storeys high

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a level of a building"?
A) a theater
C) a storey
E) a seat
B) an owner
D) a house
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "scenery" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Two floors of the house are for a ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What is Mukesh Ambani?

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Most species of birds have nests of branches and leaves, but emperor penguins use their feet for a nest. A female emperor penguin lays one egg in May or June. She then goes away to look for food. She leaves male to take care of the food. The male penguin holds the egg on his feet to keep it warm. If the egg touches the ice, it will freeze and die. Winter is dark and windy and everything is frozen. Male penguins stand side by side to keep each other warm. They stand for four months until the eggs hatch. Then female penguins return. The parents take care of the young together.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) winter is important for penguins
 B) male penguins
 C) emperor penguins' life style
 D) different species of birds
 E) female penguins
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Male penguins look after eggs.
 2. Emperor penguins' nests are from branches.
 3. Eggs hatch after 4 months.
 4. Winter is mild where penguins live.
 A) 2, 3 B) 1, 4 C) 3, 4
 D) 1, 2 E) 2, 4
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) egg B) nest C) penguin
 D) bird E) branch
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
When do emperor penguins lay the egg?
 A) every month
 B) only in May
 C) from May to July
 D) in May or June
 E) in July

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to put your hand onto something".
 A) to touch B) to lay
 C) to leave D) to hold
 E) to return
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "come back" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
If the egg touches the ice ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do emperor penguins hold the eggs on their feet?

READING 26 (113 words)

About one-half of Australia is desert. This area is the Outback. The weather is very hot and dry, and the winds are strong. Sometimes there is no rain for many years. But when it rains, there is water everywhere! Not many people live in the Outback. The people in the Outback have cattle or sheep farms. They are called stations. The stations are very big. Some stations are as big as a small country. Life is difficult because everything is far away. Sometimes it takes a day or two to drive to the next station. Towns are usually far away, too. People go to town once a week or once a month.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) the sheep farms
B) a small country
C) the Outback
D) the weather in Australia
E) the life in towns
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
A) The stations are very big.
B) The Outback is very hot and dry.
C) It's often rainy in Australia.
D) Not many people live in the Outback.
E) The farms are called stations.
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) people B) cattle C) months
D) farms E) sheep
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How often do people go to town?
A) twice a day B) once a week
C) once a day D) every day
E) twice a week

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "having or using great force or control".
A) difficult B) hot
C) strong D) dry
E) small
6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "easy" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Sometimes it takes a day or two to ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why is life difficult in the Outback?

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READING 27 (113 words)

People are using more energy every day. We use energy to drive our cars and to power our computers, phones and TVs. Scientists are excited about three sources of natural energy. These energy sources are clean and will never run out.

Scientists have designed wind turbines that use strong winds to make energy. Some turbines make enough electricity for one thousand homes.

Moving water can also make energy. Scientists have designed dams that make electricity on many rivers. Two of the biggest dams are in China and Brazil.

Scientists have designed solar panels to turn energy from the sun into electricity. These panels are now on many buildings, where they collect solar energy.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) strong winds
B) wind turbines
C) the scientists
D) moving water
E) three sources of natural energy
- Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
1. People are using less energy every day.
2. The three sources of natural energy will never run out.
3. Some turbines make enough electricity for one thousand homes.
4. Scientists have designed wind turbines that turn energy from the sun into electricity.
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
- The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) computers B) turbines C) panels
D) dams E) buildings

- Choose the correct answer to the question. *Where are the two of the biggest dams that make electricity on rivers?*
A) in China and Japan
B) in China and Brazil
C) in India and China
D) in Brazil and India
E) in Japan and Brazil
- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a place, person or thing that you get something from".
A) energy B) a source
C) a turbine D) a panel
E) electricity
- Choose the close meaning of the word "construction" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
We use energy to drive our cars and to power our ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What are the three sources of natural energy that scientists are excited about?

READING 28 (114 words)

Elephants are a very important part of Thailand's history. They are symbols of power and peace. They are strong and gentle at the same time. But many years ago, they also did important work. They helped people get wood from their forests.

In the past, the Thai people cut down a lot of trees. In 1989, the government made a law to stop this. They wanted to keep the trees in the forest. Today, the Thai people cut down only a few trees. So most elephants have no work. But the elephants are still very important in Thailand. Visitors to Thailand want to see them. The Thai people are very proud of their elephants.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the Government of Thailand
 B) the elephants in Thailand
 C) cutting the trees
 D) getting wood from the forest
 E) visitors to Thailand
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
The elephants ...
 1. cut down a lot of trees
 2. are symbols of power and peace
 3. helped people get wood from their forests
 4. have much work to do now
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "*they*" in the passage refers to ...
 A) government B) trees C) symbols
 D) elephants E) people
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did the government want to do?
 A) to make the elephants work hard
 B) to let the visitors come to their country
 C) to keep the trees in the forest
 D) to let the people cut down the trees
 E) to develop the elephant tourism
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*all the events that happened in the past*".
 A) history B) a symbol
 C) power D) peace
 E) wood
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "*strength*" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The Thai people are very ... of their elephants.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do the Thai people cut only a few trees today?

READING 29 (115 words)

Life is full of stress. There are some ways of lowering it. The first ingredient in a stress-free life is to get at least eight hours of sleep every night. Stress is dangerous. Without eight hours of sleep, people cannot concentrate for long periods of time. This is a big cause of stress. Exercise is another key part of lowering your stress. Going to a gym, running around your neighborhood or just taking a walk in the park is effective. To drink too much coffee, tea and soda with caffeine is another cause of stress. It is advisable to drink lots of water during the day. People should drink at least eight glasses per day.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) drinking coffee
B) sleeping a lot
C) going in for sports
D) the importance of water
E) ways of lowering stress
- Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) There is not any stress in our life.
B) Only running reduces stress.
C) There are some habits that make stress.
D) One should drink lots of tea.
E) Caffeine is not a cause of stress.
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) time B) cause C) ingredient
D) water E) stress
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
Why should the people get enough sleep?
A) It is the last ingredient of a stress-free life.
B) It is useful for concentration.
C) It helps you be lazy.
D) Sleepless person can work well.
E) It makes people diligent.

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "great worry caused by a difficult situation".
A) a cause
B) ingredient
C) exercise
D) stress
E) a period
- Choose the close meaning of the word "unsafe" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
To drink too much coffee and tea is another ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
How much water should the people drink every day?

READING 30 (117 words)

Canada's favourite sport is ice hockey. It is the world's fastest game. Players often skate thirty miles an hour. They get tired quickly. Often, hockey players leave a game and other players come in. Hockey looks easy to play, but it isn't easy. It is also a dangerous game. Many players get hurt. Today players wear special clothes to protect their bodies. The player near the goal wears a mask to protect his face. A player with no mask can break his nose or teeth. In the past, there were many players with no front teeth.

People around the world play hockey now. It is popular in the Olympics. But hockey will always be Canada's special game.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) the world's slowest game
B) Canada's favourite sport
C) a player with no mask
D) a special game in the US
E) the Olympic Games
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
Hockey ...
 1. will always be Canada's special game
 2. seems easy to play
 3. is not a dangerous game
 4. is played only in CanadaA) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) hour B) face C) hockey
D) nose E) mask
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How fast can players often skate?
A) thirteen miles an hour
B) sixteen miles an hour
C) twenty miles an hour
D) forty miles an hour
E) thirty miles an hour

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to keep someone safe from injury".
A) to skate
C) to wear
E) to protect
B) to leave
D) to break
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "to seem" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Today players wear ... to protect their bodies.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What can happen to the player with no mask?

Johann Gutenberg is famous for inventing printing, but he didn't really invent it. He invented a better way of printing. His idea was to make a metal stamp for each letter of the alphabet and use the letters over and over again. He could put the stamps together to make words and arrange the words to make pages.

It took Gutenberg many years to make the stamps for each letter of the alphabet. When he finished the stamps, he didn't have enough money to make the printing press. He borrowed money from a man named Johann Fust. They became business partners. After many years, Gutenberg's printing press was ready. Gutenberg printed his first book, the Bible, around 1455.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) Gutenberg's life
 B) Gutenberg's printing press
 C) Gutenberg's business partner
 D) Gutenberg's new alphabet
 E) the sacred book
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 Gutenberg ...
 1. didn't really invent printing
 2. had enough money to make the printing press
 3. borrowed money from Johann Fust
 4. is famous for his wealth
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) letter B) printing C) alphabet
 D) stamp E) money

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. Which of the following isn't included in Gutenberg's new idea?
 A) to make a metal stamp for each letter of the alphabet
 B) to use the letters over and over again
 C) to put the stamps together to make words
 D) to arrange the words to make pages
 E) to make stamps for only capital letters
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to put something in a particular order".
 A) to arrange B) to borrow
 C) to make D) to invent
 E) to finish
6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "to lend" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Gutenberg printed his first book ... around 1455.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 What did Gutenberg really invent?

READING 32 (118 words)

The Mayan people of Mexico and Central America had the greatest civilization in the New World. The Maya believed in time and numbers. They had a great knowledge of mathematics. They invented a number system that used only three symbols, and they invented zero. They also made a calendar 2,600 years ago that was very accurate. It had 365 days in a year. There were three kinds of days on their calendar: good, bad, and neutral. People did important things on good or neutral days. They went on a journey, got married, or planted corn only on a good day. Time had a beginning and an end, too. They believed the world was going to end in 2012.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) the number system
B) the greatest civilization in Africa
C) the Mayan people
D) Central America
E) Mexico
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
Only on a good day they ...
1. hunted animals 2. planted corn
3. got divorced 4. got married
5. went on a journey
A) 1, 3 B) 1, 4 C) 1, 5
D) 2, 3, 5 E) 2, 4, 5
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) calendar B) symbol
C) civilization D) journey
E) knowledge
4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did the Maya believe in?
A) civilization
B) calendar
C) physics and mathematics
D) many gods
E) time and numbers

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to design something that has never been made before".
A) to believe
C) to make
E) to get
B) to invent
D) to plant
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "correct" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
There were three kinds of days on their calendar:

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
When did the Maya predict the world would end?

READING 33 (118 words)

Baseball is sometimes called "the national pastime" of the United States. But modern baseball is truly an international game. It began in the U.S. in the early 19th century. The first World Series was played in 1903. However, only American and Canadian teams played in the series. Since the early 1990s, managers of U.S. teams have brought several foreign players to the U.S. game. Today, about 30 percent of players in American baseball come from foreign countries, including Puerto Rico, Japan, South Korea, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2006, 16 teams from around the world took part in the first World Baseball Classic – an international series of professional baseball games. Finally, baseball has become a truly global pastime.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) the foreign countries
B) the managers of U.S. teams
C) baseball in Canada
D) the Dominican Republic
E) an international game
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
1. Modern baseball is truly an international game.
2. In 2006, six teams from around the world took part in the first World Baseball Classic.
3. Since the early 1990s, managers of U.S. teams have brought several foreign players to the U.S. game.
4. Today, about 60 percent of players in American baseball come from foreign countries.
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) team B) pastime C) baseball
D) country E) century

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. Which teams played in the first World Series?
A) American and Japanese
B) Japanese and Japanese
C) American and Canadian
D) Korean and Japanese
E) American and Korean

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "relating to or typical of a whole country and its people".
A) international B) national
C) professional D) foreign
E) global

6. Choose the opposite meaning of the word "local" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Baseball is sometimes called "..." of the United States.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What happened in 1903 in the history of baseball?

READING 34 (119 words)

Today, thousands of athletes from all over the world compete at the Olympics. But at the first modern Games, in 1896, there were only 241 athletes from fourteen countries – and all of them were men. King George I of Greece opened the Games, and the first event was the triple jump – athletes had to jump on one foot, move onto the other foot, and then jump as far as they could. An American called James Connolly won the triple jump and became the first Olympic champion of the modern era, and the first in nearly 1500 years. The winners of all forty-three events got silver medals and, like the ancient athletes, they also wore olive branches on their heads.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) the first modern Olympic Games
B) King George I
C) the ancient athletes
D) all the winners
E) the triple jump
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
James Connolly ...
A) was an athlete
B) won the triple jump
C) was an American athlete
D) was an American
E) got gold medal
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) events B) winners C) games
D) medals E) athletes
4. Choose the correct variant.
There were only 241 athletes from ... countries.
A) twenty-four B) forty
C) fourteen D) forty-three
E) four

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to be the most successful in a competition".
A) to compete B) to open
C) to jump D) to win
E) to move
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "to hop" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The winners also wore ... on their heads.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
When and where did the first modern Olympic Games take place?

READING 35 (119 words)

Antarctica is like no other place in the world. It is unique. It is very big. It is like the United States and Australia together. Antarctica is the coldest place in the world. The temperature is sometimes -87°C . August and September are the coldest months because there is no sun. Antarctica is the highest continent. It is 10,000 feet high. Antarctica also has very strong winds. The winds sometimes blow two hundred miles an hour. It is also the driest place in the world. Antarctica is drier than the Sahara Desert! Antarctica is also empty. There are no trees, no rivers, and no cities in Antarctica. There are no land animals. Only penguins and other sea birds live there.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) the penguins
B) the sunniest continent
C) the biggest continent
D) the highest point in Antarctica
E) the driest continent

- Which statements are **true** according to the passage?

Antarctica ...

- is like the other places in the world
 - is unique
 - is the lowest continent
 - is drier than the Sahara Desert
- A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...

- A) August B) Australia
C) temperature D) Antarctica
E) the USA

- Choose the correct answer to the question.

What are there in Antarctica?

- A) sea birds B) land animals
C) trees D) cities
E) rivers

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "with no people or things inside".

- A) unique B) strong
C) empty D) big
E) high

- Choose the opposite meaning of the word "weak" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.

The winds sometimes blow ... miles an hour.

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.

What are the coldest months in Antarctica?

READING 36 (119 words)

The ancient Egyptians believed in many gods. They also believed that their kings, called pharaohs, were gods. They believed that the pharaoh could help them even after he died. Because of this, they wanted the pharaoh to have a good life, and a good life after death, or afterlife. One way to give the pharaoh a good afterlife was to preserve his body. Egyptians believed this was important for the pharaoh's spirit. This would help the spirit recognize the body. This is the reason the Egyptians made mummies. After drying the pharaoh's body completely, they filled the body with cloth and sand to keep its shape, rubbed it with oil and perfumes, and covered it with lots of wax.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) a good life after death
B) the Egyptians' beliefs in the past
C) the pharaoh
D) mummies
E) the kings in Egypt
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
Egyptians ...
 1. dried the pharaoh's body completely
 2. made mummies
 3. wanted all people to have a good life after death
 4. believed their kings couldn't help them after they died.

A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) cloth B) spirit C) sand
D) wax E) body

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did Egyptians believe?
A) They believed it was useless to preserve the pharaoh's body.
B) They believed there was no good life for the pharaohs.
C) They believed in only one God.
D) They believed the pharaoh could help them only when he was alive.
E) They believed they had to give the pharaoh a good afterlife.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to know what something is when you see it".
A) to recognize B) to preserve
C) to believe D) to cover
E) to keep
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "form" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The Egyptians rubbed the dead body with ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What was the one way to give the pharaoh a good afterlife?

READING 37 (119 words)

The Silk Road is over two thousand years old and six thousand kilometres long. It goes across Europe and Asia. Many people travelled on this road to buy and sell silk and other goods.

Marco Polo travelled on the Silk Road when he was 17, in the year 1271. He travelled from Italy to China and saw many new things. The days were very hot and the nights were cold. Sometimes there was no food or water. It was a difficult road to travel on, but Marco felt confident. He travelled on the Silk Road for three years. When he was 21, Marco met the ruler of China, Kublai Khan. He lived in China for the next seventeen years.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) Marco Polo's childhood
B) Marco Polo's Silk Road Tour
C) selling and buying silk
D) the world travel
E) Kublai Khan
- Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
1. Marco Polo travelled from Italy to China
2. It was a difficult road to travel on, so Marco felt hopeless.
3. Marco travelled on the Silk Road for five years.
4. When he was 21, Marco met the ruler of China, Kublai Khan.
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) Italy B) Asia C) the Silk Road
D) Europe E) China

- Choose the correct answer to the question. When did Marco Polo start to travel on the Silk Road?
A) when he was 27
B) in the year 1271
C) at the age of 37
D) in the year 1217
E) in the year 1277

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to give something to someone else in return for money".
A) to travel B) to feel
C) to sell D) to see
E) to buy

- Choose the close meaning of the word "way" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The Silk Road goes across ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
How long is the Silk Road?

READING 38 (119 words)

Benjamin Franklin was incredibly talented. He was not only a politician, scientist and journalist – he was also an inventor, a businessman, an author ... the list goes on! He must have been very organized! He once wrote, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Franklin was born in Boston on January 17th, 1706. He only went to school for a short time, then he joined his father's candle and soap business. Later he started reporting the news for his brother James's newspaper, but James didn't trust Benjamin, so he wasn't allowed to write many articles! The brothers had an argument, and it made Benjamin run away to Philadelphia at the age of 17.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) James's newspaper
 B) writing articles
 C) Benjamin Franklin's brother
 D) soap business
 E) a talented man
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. Benjamin Franklin was not organized.
 2. Franklin reported the news for his brother James's newspaper.
 3. Franklin was born in Boston in 1806.
 4. Benjamin Franklin was incredibly talented.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) business B) news
 C) newspaper D) argument
 E) school

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. Why was Benjamin not allowed to write many articles?
 A) His father didn't want him to be a journalist.
 B) He joined his father's candle and soap business.
 C) James didn't trust Benjamin.
 D) He wasn't educated.
 E) He didn't have writing abilities.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "able to make sensible decisions and give good advice".
 A) talented B) healthy
 C) wealthy D) short
 E) wise
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "paper" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Early to bed and early to rise makes a man ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 Why did Benjamin Franklin run away to Philadelphia?

READING 39 (120 words)

By the early nineteenth century, you could find chocolate houses in towns across Europe, but not everybody liked the drinks there. Sometimes there were hard pieces of shell from the cacao beans in the hot chocolate. There is also a lot of fat, called cocoa butter, in cocoa beans. This often stayed on top of the drink, and people did not enjoy that.

Around this time, people started to invent and use machines more than ever before. One Dutch inventor called Conrad Van Houten began to think about chocolate. He wanted to make a smooth drink without cocoa butter on the top. So he worked hard for many years and in 1828 he invented a machine called the cocoa press.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) cocoa butter
B) towns across Europe
C) the invention of the cocoa press
D) chocolate houses
E) hot chocolate
- Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) Everybody enjoyed the drinks in the early nineteenth century.
B) Cocoa butter stayed on top of the drink.
C) There are cacao beans in cocoa butter.
D) German inventor invented the cocoa press.
E) You couldn't find any chocolate houses in Europe by the 19th century.
- The underlined word "this" in the passage refers to ...
A) machine B) drink C) fat
D) chocolate E) bean

- Choose the correct answer to the question. Why did people start to invent and use machines more than ever before?
A) They thought the machines would be faster in making chocolate.
B) They wanted to support Dutch inventor.
C) They didn't find chocolate houses in towns.
D) They didn't enjoy the drinks much in chocolate houses at that time.
E) They were interested in making hot chocolate.

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a pale yellow solid food containing a lot of fat".
A) a drink B) chocolate
C) butter D) a cacao bean
E) a shell

- Choose the opposite meaning of the word "late" from the passage.

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Sometimes there were ... from the cacao beans in the hot chocolate.

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What did Conrad Van Houten want to do?

READING 40 (120 words)

Chocolate is a popular present for birthdays, but in many different places around the world it is important on other special days too.

In Japan and Korea, the most important time for chocolate is Valentine's Day on 14 February. It is a day when people talk and think about love. Women buy chocolate for men or sometimes they make things at home like chocolate balls with the flavour of green tea.

The women usually give two types of presents. Firstly, they buy an expensive present for their "true love" – a man who is very special to them. Then they buy smaller chocolate presents for the men at their office or place of work. In this way, most men stay happy!

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) presents for birthdays
B) chocolate for women
C) small chocolate presents
D) giving chocolate as a present
E) buying an expensive present
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) Chocolate is a popular present for birthdays only.
B) Chocolate is important on other special days too.
C) Valentine's Day is on February 4.
D) Women usually make things at home like chocolate balls.
E) Receiving cheap presents makes most men happy.
3. The underlined word "them" in the passage refers to ...
A) presents B) women C) types
D) birthdays E) men

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What does "true love" mean for women?
A) a man who talks about love
B) a man who is very special to them
C) a man who buys an expensive gift
D) a man who works at the office
E) a man who thinks about love
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "something that you are given on a special occasion".
A) a birthday B) flavour
C) chocolate D) thing
E) a present
6. Choose the close meaning of the word "to speak" from the passage.

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
In ... the most important time for chocolate is Valentine's Day.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What are the two types of presents that the women usually give?

READING 41 (120 words)

Meerkats are the animals that live in southern Africa. They're quite small – about the same size as a rabbit. They have got a long body and a long tail, but short legs. They live in groups. There are between five and thirty meerkats in a group.

They sleep in holes in the ground. Early in the morning, they leave their holes and look for food. They eat insects, plants, lizards, eggs and mice. When the meerkats eat, some of them stand on two legs and guard the others. That's because some other animals like to eat meerkats. When the guards see an eagle, a snake or a fox, they bark and all the meerkats run back to their holes.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) Africa B) meerkats
C) African rabbit D) reptiles in Africa
E) lizards
- Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) Meerkats live in northern Africa.
B) Meerkats have long legs and short body.
C) Meerkats live alone.
D) Meerkats live in holes.
E) Meerkats don't sleep.
- The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) guards B) insects C) mice
D) lizards E) holes
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What do the meerkats like to eat?
A) lizards B) eagles C) foxes
D) rabbits E) snakes

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a place in the ground where a small animal lives".
A) a size B) a hole
C) food D) ground
E) an insect
- Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "meerkat".

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
When the meerkats eat, the others ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
How big is the meerkat?

READING 42 (121 words)

Stephen King is one of the world's most famous writers. He has sold more books than any other American writers. His most popular works are horror, or scary stories. His mother always encouraged him and sent his stories to publishers. At the age of eighteen, Stephen published his first story. Later he wrote a novel titled Carrie, but he thought no one would like it. However, his wife liked the story and sent the book to the publisher. At first, bookstores sold only 13,000 copies of the book. And a company wanted to make a movie from the book, and Stephen agreed. After the movie, the book sold 3,5 million copies. Stephen King soon published more books and became rich and famous.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- A) a novel titled Carrie
- B) the world's famous writers
- C) Stephen's family
- D) an American writer
- E) the scary stories

2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?

- 1. Stephen's mother sent his first story to the publisher.
- 2. Stephen's wife liked his first story.
- 3. At first, bookstores sold 3,5 million copies of the book.
- 4. Stephen King became rich and famous.

- A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
- D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...

- A) movie B) copy
- C) bookstore D) the first story
- E) novel

4. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
A company wanted ...

- A) to make a movie from Stephen's book.
- B) to sell Stephen's first novel.
- C) to sponsor Stephen King.
- D) Stephen to write another book.
- E) Stephen to be a director of the movie.

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to give support".

- A) to encourage B) to publish
- C) to become D) to think
- E) to sell

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "works".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Stephen has sold more books than ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
At what age did Stephen publish his first story?

READING 43 (122 words)

Every athlete has a long, hard journey get to the Olympics. Around the world, thousands of young sportspeople train six days a week for many hours each day for years and years, because **they** want to become an Olympic hero.

Some famous Olympic athletes began training in their sports when they were as young as eight. Time is a big problem for many young athletes because it is difficult for them to do school work when they are training every evening. Their families often have to spend a lot of money to help them, and they have to give a lot of their time, too. And sometimes they have to move to another city – because the young athlete needs better training.

What is the passage mainly about?

- A) spending too much money
- B) the trainers' lives
- C) an Olympic hero
- D) the young athletes' lives
- E) the athletes' parents

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?

- A) It is not difficult for young athletes to do school work.
- B) Young athletes do not have to work many hours each day.
- C) Some famous Olympic athletes began training at the age of thirteen.
- D) Every athlete needs money to help their families.
- E) Time is a big problem for many young athletes.

3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...

- A) sportspeople
- B) hours
- C) problems
- D) parents
- E) journeys

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What do the athletes' parents have to do?

- 1. They have to train six days a week.
- 2. They have to spend a lot of money to help them.
- 3. They have to give a lot of their time.
- 4. They have to become an Olympic hero.

- A) 2, 3
- B) 1, 4
- C) 3, 4
- D) 1, 2
- E) 2, 4

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to prepare somebody for a particular activity".

- A) to want
- B) to spend
- C) to train
- D) to help
- E) to move

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "journey".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.

Sometimes the athletes' family have to move to another city because ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.

Why do thousands of young sportspeople train hard?

READING 44 (122 words)

People around the world like to celebrate. In each season, there are different celebrations. Every celebration has special traditions.

In the winter, people in China will celebrate the Lunar New Year. Families will clean their homes, put up decorations, and serve delicious food. Children will get a gift of money from their parents.

In the spring people in Japan will celebrate Children's Day. They'll put decorations on their homes. Children will eat good food and play games.

In the summer people in Brazil will celebrate Carnival. They will watch singers and dancers in the samba parade.

In the fall, many people in South Korea will return to their homes, eat rice cakes, and wear traditional clothes. Families will give thanks for their food.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) Lunar New Year
 B) Children's Day
 C) Brazilian carnival
 D) samba parade
 E) celebrations of countries
2. Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 1. In each season there are various celebrations.
 2. Every celebration has its own traditions.
 3. The Chinese celebrate the Lunar New Year in the spring.
 4. The Children's Day is not celebrated in Japan.
 A) 1, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
 D) 1, 2 E) 3, 4
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
 A) Koreans B) dancers
 C) singers D) Brazilians
 E) families
4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What do the families do during the celebrations?
 A) They sell old things.
 B) Families decorate their homes.
 C) They buy tasty food from the shop.
 D) Families play games.
 E) They wear official costumes.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*not ordinary or usual*"?
 A) different B) traditional
 C) special D) delicious
 E) good
6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "*food*".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
In China, children get ... from their parents.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
When do the Brazilians have a carnival?

READING 45 (124 words)

Marco Polo was not the first European to travel to China, but he was the first to write about his travels. At that time, China was an unknown and romantic land to Europeans. Some people didn't believe it was a real place. In his book, Marco Polo described the cities he saw, the people he met, and the way people lived. He described paper money, gunpowder and porcelain vases. People in Europe didn't know about these things. They didn't want to believe that the world was so different in other places. They said Marco Polo's stories were not true. They called him "the man of a million lies". It took a long time, but people finally learned that Marco Polo's stories were mostly true.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) the first European traveller to China
B) an unknown land
C) Marco Polo's stories
D) the cities in China
E) the porcelain vases
- Which statements are *true* according to the passage?
Marco Polo ...
1. never wrote about his travels
2. described the cities he saw
3. wrote the stories that were completely unreal
4. described the people he met
A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
- The underlined word "*they*" in the passage refers to ...
A) stories B) people in Europe
C) vases D) places
E) people in China

- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did Europeans think about China?
A) They believed it was a real place.
B) They didn't like Chinese people.
C) China was an unknown place to them.
D) They believed Marco Polo's stories about China.
E) They believed the world was quite different in China.
- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*a statement made by somebody knowing that it's not true*".
A) a place B) travel
C) a story D) a lie
E) land
- Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "*land*".

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People in Europe didn't know about ... and porcelain vases.

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What did people call Marco Polo?

READING 46 (124 words)

A lot of people go abroad for their summer holiday, too. Spain, Italy and France are favourite places. People usually go to Spain for a beach holiday. They go by plane and they stay in hotels. When people go to France, they often go camping, so they usually go by car. You can take the ferry to France, but most people put their cars on the train to go through the Channel Tunnel.

People normally go abroad for a winter holiday. Some people go skiing in countries like Austria, Switzerland and Slovenia. A lot of schools organize a skiing trip for their pupils in the February half-term holiday. Other people like to go to hot places: the Canary Islands, Florida and Thailand are popular.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) summer holiday in Europe
B) popular holiday destinations
C) school holidays
D) a visit to France
E) winter holidays in Europe
2. Which statements are **not** given in the passage?
 1. Most people use either a ship or a train to go to France.
 2. Tourists go to Italy, Spain and France in cold seasons, too.
 3. Thailand is among the countries which is perfect for summer holidays.
 4. Switzerland and Slovenia are good only for skiing.A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) schools B) holidays C) people
D) countries E) pupils
4. Choose the correct answer to the question. *When do school children go on a skiing trip?*
A) during their final-term holiday
B) in summer
C) in February
D) after finishing the school
E) in August
5. Write the word from the passage which best fits the definition "a boat or ship for taking passengers".
A) a plane B) a ferry
C) a car D) a train
E) a trip
6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "place".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Many people put their cars on the train ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What kind of activity is good for tourists in France?

READING 47 (125 words)

Families in Britain usually go on holiday between middle of July and the end of August, because the children aren't at school then. Most people go away two weeks. A lot of people take a winter holiday, too. They usually go in the Christmas and Easter school holidays, or in the February half-term holiday.

Some people spend their summer holidays in Britain. You can go to the beach, but there are lots of other places to go, too. There are museums, castles, zoos and safari parks. One very popular place is the Eden Project. It's in Cornwall, in the south-west of England. You can learn all about the environment there. Alton Towers theme park is very popular, too. It has got lots of exciting rides.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) British families
B) Alton towers
C) mid-term holiday in Britain
D) the British people's vacation
E) the Eden Project
- Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
A) There are beaches in Britain.
B) Very few people have winter holiday.
C) Half-term holiday is in winter.
D) There are many castles in Britain.
E) You can learn about the environment in Cornwall.
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) museum B) castle C) beach
D) park E) zoo
- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What is Alton Tower?
A) park B) museum C) forest
D) street E) beach

- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "an area of sand or small stones".
A) a holiday B) a place
C) a beach D) a castle
E) a museum
- Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "place".

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
British families usually go on holiday between ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
When do the English families go on winter holiday?

READING 48 (127 words)

Benjamin Franklin is probably most famous for his political achievements. In 1757, he travelled to London to talk with the British government, which ruled America at the time. He told British politicians that they were asking Americans to pay too much tax. But they didn't listen, and America and Great Britain went to war. In 1776, Franklin helped to create the Declaration of Independence, which said that America was no longer part of Great Britain. He also persuaded the French government to help in the war. Thanks to French support, the United States of America became an independent country in 1783. Later Franklin worked on the 1787 Constitution, which is the main law in the U.S. Franklin is often called one of the "Founding Fathers" of America.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) Benjamin Franklin
B) "Founding Fathers"
C) declaration of Independence
D) the war between the U.S and Great Britain
E) the U.S Constitution
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
1. Americans ruled the British government.
2. Benjamin Franklin traveled to London to talk with the British government.
3. The 1787 Constitution is the main law in the US.
4. The U.S belongs to Great Britain.
A) 1, 2 B) 2, 3 C) 3, 4
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 4
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) achievements
B) wars
C) British politicians
D) Founding Fathers
E) Americans

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. Why did America fight against Great Britain?
A) Because the British government demanded high taxes.
B) The French encouraged it to fight.
C) Franklin didn't want America to be free.
D) America had a lot of power at that time.
E) Americans wanted to occupy Great Britain.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to make someone believe something".
A) to create B) to persuade
C) to listen D) to rule
E) to help
6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "country".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Franklin persuaded ... to help in the war.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What's the Benjamin Franklin most famous for?

READING 49 (128 words)

Some people play little jokes on their friends and family; perhaps they change the time on the clocks, or put salt in the sugar bowl so someone's tea tastes terrible. Some play jokes on thousands of people on April Fools' Day. In 1957, the BBC showed a television programme about Swiss spaghetti trees. At that time, not many people ate spaghetti in Britain – it was a new food – so they did not know much about it. On the programme women took spaghetti from trees and put it in the sun to dry. When the programme finished, a lot of people telephoned the BBC. They all wanted to buy spaghetti trees for their gardens!

Today in most countries April Fools' Day is celebrated on the first day of April.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) changing the time on the clocks
B) putting salt in the sugar
C) Swiss spaghetti trees
D) playing jokes on April Fools' Day
E) a television programme
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) At that time, lot of people knew much about spaghetti.
B) People telephoned the BBC to eat spaghetti.
C) Many British people bought spaghetti trees after the TV programme.
D) Spaghetti was a new food for most British people.
E) April Fools' Day is celebrated only in Britain.
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) spaghetti B) joke C) garden
D) bowl E) tree

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What was the TV programme about on BBC in 1957?
A) It was about playing jokes on friends.
B) It was about Swiss spaghetti trees.
C) It was about a new food in the world.
D) It was about terrible tea.
E) It was about playing jokes on family.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to show that a day or an event is important by doing something special on it".
A) to show B) to finish
C) to celebrate D) to change
E) to telephone
6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "jokes".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
People who telephoned the BBC wanted to buy spaghetti trees for ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
On the programme what did women do after they took spaghetti from trees?

READING 50 (129 words)

Andrew Carnegie learned a lot while working at the railroad company. He realized that the railroad was very important for big companies. He had an idea to start a business with railroads. He saved all his money and opened a business.

First, his company made bridges for the railroads. Ten years later, they made steel. The Carnegie Steel Company became the largest company in the United States. People called Carnegie the 'Steel King.' Soon he was the richest man in the world.

Carnegie liked to make money. But he believed it was very important to help other people. He started to give away his money to make new libraries and colleges all over the United States. He helped millions of people all over the world to study and learn.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) making money
B) the Carnegie Steel Company
C) the United States
D) Andrew Carnegie's life
E) a business with railroads
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
Carnegie ...
 1. started a business with railroads
 2. never saved his money
 3. was the richest man in the world
 4. never helped peopleA) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) libraries B) company
C) railroads D) people
E) bridges

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4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did Carnegie's company make for the railroads first?
A) hospitals B) colleges
C) bridges D) libraries
E) roads
 5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to understand or become aware of a particular fact or situation".
A) to realize B) to become
C) to learn D) to believe
E) to study
 6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "company".

 7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Carnegie realized that the railroad was very important for ...

 8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What did Carnegie spend all his money on?

READING 51 (131 words)

The Thanksgiving Day tradition began around 400 years ago with a small group of religious people called Puritans. The Puritans disagreed with the religion of the Church of England. So a group of them sailed to America, and settled on the coast of what is now Massachusetts. Their first months in America were very difficult. They didn't have much food, and a lot of people were sick. In the spring, some friendly Native Americans helped the settlers to plant corn and other vegetables. They also showed them how to hunt wild animals. As a result, they had a lot of food when fall arrived and their leader, William Bradford, decided to have a "thanksgiving" feast. They invited the Native Americans to the feast to thank them for all they had done.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) Puritans' coming to America
B) Native Americans
C) the history of Thanksgiving Day
D) wild animals of America
E) William Bradford
- Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) The Puritans agreed with the religion of Church of England.
B) The Puritans didn't settle in America.
C) The Puritans learned to hunt wild animals.
D) The Puritans had a lot of food when they came to America.
E) Native Americans were not invited to the feast by Puritans.
- The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) vegetables
B) Native Americans
C) animals
D) years
E) the Puritans

- Choose the correct answer to the question.
Who were Puritans?
A) Americans
B) sailors
C) Native Americans
D) religious people
E) farmers
- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*physically or mentally ill*"?
A) small
B) sick
C) difficult
D) religious
E) friendly
- Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "*Native Americans*".

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Settlers' leader William Bradford made a decision ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Who helped the settlers?

READING 52 (134 words)

New Year's Day, 1 January, is a holiday for most people, and the banks and many shops do not open. Many people stay at home and rest on that day. And a lot of people make a New Year's resolution. This means that they decide to do something different because they want to be a better person. For example, they say: "I'm going to stop smoking," or "I'm going to eat better," or "I'm going to learn something new."

After the holiday the shops are very busy with January sales. At sale time things in the shops are cheaper – sometimes much cheaper – so it is a good time to go shopping. And when people go out, they usually say 'Happy New Year!' when they see friends and family for the first time in January.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) January sales
 B) staying at home
 C) New Year's Day
 D) stopping smoking
 E) eating better

2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
 A) Things in the shop are cheaper before the holiday.
 B) Many people go out on 1 January.
 C) New Year's Day, 1 January, is a holiday for most people.
 D) The shops are very busy with February sales.
 E) Very few people make a New Year's resolution.

3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
 A) shops B) people C) families
 D) sales E) friends

4. Choose the correct answer to the question. *Why are the shops very busy after the holiday?*
 A) People come back home from abroad.
 B) People see their friends for the first time in January.
 C) The things in the shops are cheaper.
 D) They are open 24/7.
 E) They are closed before the holiday.

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*to choose something, especially after thinking carefully*".
 A) to decide B) to make
 C) to mean D) to stay
 E) to rest

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "*shops*".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
On January 1, people decide to do something different because they want to be ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What do people say when they go out and see friends and family for the first time in January?

READING 53 (134 words)

The Blue Men of the Sahara is a name for the Tuareg people. People call them this name because they wear blue clothes. There are between 300,000 and one million Tuareg today. **They** have lived in the Sahara Desert for thousands of years. It is hot, dry, and windy there. Their lives are difficult because of the desert weather and life. The Tuareg do not live in one place. They move from one place to another to find water and food for their animals. The Tuareg live in groups of four or five families. Everybody helps each other. The men take care of the animals. The women put up the tents. The Tuareg live and sleep in the tents. Tuareg tents are usually made of animal skins, but today some Tuareg have plastic tents.

- What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the difficulties in the desert
 B) the weather in the Sahara Desert
 C) the Blue Men of the Sahara
 D) the Tuareg in the past
 E) the Tuareg tents
- Which statements are **true** according to the passage?
 The Tuareg ...
 1. live in groups of nine or ten families.
 2. do not live in one place
 3. have lived in the Sahara Desert
 4. always use animal skins in making their tents
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
- The underlined word "**they**" in the passage refers to ...
 A) families B) the Tuareg
 C) people D) groups
 E) deserts

- Choose the correct answer to the question.
 Why do the Tuareg move from one place to another?
 A) to find water and food
 B) to put up the tents
 C) to take care of their children
 D) to live in groups
 E) to help each other
- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*to have clothing on your body*"?
 A) to call B) to find
 C) to move D) to wear
 E) to sleep
- Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "*tents*".

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 The Tuareg people's lives are difficult because of ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 Why are the Tuareg people called "*the Blue Men of the Sahara*"?

READING 54 (135 words)

In many countries, like Britain and Japan, wearing school uniforms is still a tradition, but in others, like the U.S, France, and Germany uniforms are not so common. Some people say that uniforms are important. Uniforms help students learn to obey rules and learn to study better. They make all the students equal in appearance. They also help students feel like part of the school. Other people disagree. They say that uniforms are uncomfortable and unattractive. Most importantly they say that when students wear uniforms, they can't express themselves with their clothes. Some students make small changes to their uniforms because they want to look more fashionable. Some students try to attend the school with the best uniform. This is a different way to look at uniforms. An old tradition is turning into new fashion.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) different approaches to school uniforms
B) school uniforms in European countries
C) schools in the world
D) fashionable clothes
E) a new fashion
2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. All students wear uniforms in the U.S.
 2. Some people say that uniforms help to study well.
 3. Some say uniforms are not comfortable, but attractive.
 4. School uniforms are not common in France.A) 1, 3 B) 1, 4 C) 3, 4
C) 1, 2 E) 2, 4
3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
A) students B) traditions C) rules
D) uniforms E) changes

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4. Choose the correct answer to the question. What helps the students obey the school rules?
A) country B) uniform
C) tradition D) appearance
E) change
 5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "the same in amount, number or size".
A) common B) important
C) equal D) different
E) small
 6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "way".

 7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Some students make changes to their uniforms because they want to look ...

 8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Where are the uniforms still a tradition?

READING 55 (136 words)

In 1859, a Swiss man named Henry Dunant went to Italy. He went there on business. There was a war in the town of Solferino. Dunant saw the war, and he was shocked. There were thousands of wounded men. Nobody was there to take care of them.

Dunant asked the people in the town to help the wounded men. Later he wrote a book called *A Memory of Solferino*. He had a good idea to help people in wars. He wanted every country to have volunteers taking care of the wounded people in wars.

In 1863, Dunant and four other Swiss men started the Red Cross. A year later, twelve countries signed a paper in Geneva, Switzerland. Dunant travelled to other countries. He wanted to make the Red Cross bigger and better all over the world.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) the war in Geneva
 B) four Swiss men
 C) the volunteers
 D) the wounded people
 E) Henry Dunant's activities

2. Which statements are *false* according to the passage?
 Dunant ...
 1. went to Italy to fight against the enemy
 2. wrote a book called "A Memory of Solferino"
 3. started the Red Cross alone
 4. had an idea to help people in wars
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3

3. The underlined word "them" in the passage refers to ...
 A) volunteers B) Swiss men
 C) wars D) countries
 E) the wounded

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 What happened in Geneva in 1864?
 A) He decided to continue his business.
 B) A Swiss man took part in a war.
 C) Twelve countries signed a paper.
 D) Dunant started the Red Cross.
 E) Dunant wrote a book about the wars.

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to tell somebody that you would like them to do something".
 A) to ask B) to help
 C) to want D) to start
 E) to sign

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "idea".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 Dunant wanted to make the Red Cross ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 What did Dunant want every country to have?

READING 56 (141 words)

Why aren't we doing more to be green? Some people are frightened by the size of the problem, and prefer not to think about it. Others find "the environment" a boring topic. Some of us are simply lazy or forgetful! However, one team of researchers in Sweden believe that they can change our behavior by making it fun to do good things. This is called "the fun theory"!

In one experiment, the researchers wanted to reduce litter in the town center. So they painted "the world's deepest can" on a trash can. When trash was thrown in, a sound effect was activated. Users heard the sound of a long fall, and then a big crash! People loved it. In one day, 72 kg of trash was collected in the "fun" can. In a normal can nearby, only 31 kg was collected.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) researchers
 B) frightening life
 C) a boring topic
 D) a clean city
 E) the experiment on a trash can

2. Which statements are **false** according to the passage?
 1. 31 kg of trash was collected in the "fun" can.
 2. Some people are afraid of environmental problems.
 3. Some people are bored while talking about the environment.
 4. People didn't like "the fun theory".
 A) 1, 4 B) 2, 3 C) 2, 4
 D) 1, 3 E) 3, 4

3. The underlined word "they" in the passage refers to ...
 A) users B) people C) cans
 D) researchers E) theories

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 Who made "the deepest can" in the world?
 A) researchers
 C) children
 E) students
 B) tourists
 D) volunteers

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to like one thing better than another".
 A) to find B) to prefer
 C) to reduce D) to believe
 E) to change

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "fall".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 The deepest can made a sound when people ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 Why was the deepest trash can made?

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READING 57 (144 words)

Walt Disney was famous for his movies. He was also famous for his cartoons. Disney started to think about a new park. He wanted a park with different parts with special names. One part was "Fantasyland" and another part was "Adventureland." He also wanted to use ideas from his movies and cartoons. His most popular cartoon was Mickey Mouse. Disney wanted Mickey Mouse and other cartoon people to walk around the park and talk to the guests. Disney's dream of a special park took many years to come true. People did not understand his ideas about it. Nobody wanted to give him money. So Disney used all his own money to build the park. On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California. The first year, about five million people went to Disneyland. People came from all over the United States and all over the world.

- What is the passage mainly about?
A) Walt Disney's characters
B) Mickey Mouse
C) California
D) Walt Disney's dream
E) Adventureland
- Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
Walt Disney ...
A) was famous for his movies only
B) had a dream of special park
C) was helped by some people to build the park
D) didn't spend much money on the park.
E) wanted people to give special names for his park.
- The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) money B) park C) cartoon
D) cartoon E) dream

- Choose the correct answer to the question.
What did people do for Disney?
A) They helped Walt Disney a lot.
B) They gave Disney a lot of money.
C) They understood Disney's ideas from the beginning.
D) They went to Disneyland after it opened.
E) They wanted to give him money.
- Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "*to make something by putting parts together*".
A) to start B) to want
C) to build D) to walk
E) to give
- Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "*parts*".

- Complete the sentence according to the passage.
Disney's dream of a special park took many years to ...

- Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
What did Disney want Mickey Mouse and other cartoon people do?

READING 58 (145 words)

Everest is the highest mountain in the world. It is also the highest trash pile in the world. About 400 people try to reach the summit every year. This means a lot of trash piles. It is a very dangerous mountain. The air is very severe and cold. Most people carry bottles of oxygen; they could die without it. When the oxygen bottles are empty, people throw them on the ground. When strong winds tear their tents, people leave them behind. They don't have energy to take their trash away. They only have enough energy to go down the mountain safely. Since people first began to climb Everest, they have left 50,000 kilos of trash there. Several groups have climbed the mountain just to pick up the trash. When people plan to climb the mountain, they have to plan to take away their trash.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A) Mt. Everest is the best place to rest.
B) The people who climb the mountain never lose their energy.
C) As the Everest is clean enough, there is no need to clean it.
D) It is hot on the top of the mountain.
E) The climbers shouldn't leave their trash on the mountain.
2. Which statement is **false** according to the passage?
 1. No one is interested in cleaning this mountain.
 2. People use oxygen then leave its bottle on the mountain.
 3. It is so easy to go up Everest.
 4. People have left 50 tons of trash on Everest.A) 1, 3 B) 2, 4 C) 1, 2
D) 3, 4 E) 2, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
A) bottle B) energy C) mountain
D) tent E) oxygen

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
How is the Mt. Everest weather like?
A) It is rainy.
B) It is mild all year.
C) The air is not severe.
D) The weather is too cold.
E) The temperature is hot on the summit.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "things that you throw away".
A) ground B) trash
C) a summit D) a tent
E) a mountain
6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "wind".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
While climbing the Mt. Everest, people have to take oxygen bottles because ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
Why do people leave their trash on the mountain?

READING 59 (154 words)

In India many people live on small farms. They live a quiet and simple life. The family takes care of the farm and the animals. The most important animal on the farm is the cow. The cow helps on the farm in two ways. It gives milk to the family, and it works on the farm. Farmer cares about their cows very much. They want their cows to be happy. In India, it is against the law to kill a cow. So farmers send their old cows away from the farm. The cows walk around free in the streets. Sometimes men sell grass in the street. People buy the grass and give it to the cows. People also give their own food to the cows, and cars are careful not to hit the cows. There are special animal hospitals for old or sick cows. The government and some rich people pay for these hospitals.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 A) difficulties on small farms
 B) the importance of cows in India
 C) the Indian government
 D) special animal hospitals
 E) killing a cow
2. Which statements are *false* according to the passage?
 1. People buy the grass and give it to the cows.
 2. The cow isn't the most important animal on the farm.
 3. Cars are careful not to hit the cows.
 4. The cows aren't allowed to walk around free in the streets.
 A) 3, 4 B) 1, 2 C) 2, 3
 D) 2, 4 E) 1, 3
3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to ...
 A) cow B) milk C) street
 D) farm E) grass

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
 Why do the farmers send their old cows away from the farm?
 A) The cows do not give much milk.
 B) They have no food to give the cows.
 C) To sell a cow is forbidden in India.
 D) They can't kill a cow according to the law.
 E) The government doesn't allow the farmers to keep their old cows.
5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "to feel that something is important and worth worrying about it".
 A) to care B) to give
 C) to kill D) to buy
 E) to hit
6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "life".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
 ... pay for the special animal hospitals.

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
 How does the cow help on the farm?

READING 60 (105 words)

Fahrenheit is the system of measuring the temperature, how hot or cold something is, used by many people in Britain. The freezing point of Fahrenheit is 32 degrees. So a cold winter's day in Britain would have a temperature of 38° F (3° centigrade) and a hot summer's day would have a temperature of 90° F (32° centigrade). The Fahrenheit scale was invented by the German scientist Gabriel Fahrenheit in 1710. Today in Britain most people over twenty-five know the Fahrenheit scale but the centigrade system (Celsius) is being used more and more. Weather forecasts on television and in newspapers show temperature in both scales.

1. The passage is mainly about ...
A) two different systems of measuring the temperature
B) the advantages of the Fahrenheit scale over the Celsius scale
C) the scientific research carried out by Gabriel Fahrenheit
D) the range in temperature to be found in the British Isles
E) the declining popularity of the Celsius scale in Britain
2. Which statement is **true** according to the passage?
A) The Celsius system is not used in Britain any more.
B) The Fahrenheit system is being used more and more in Britain.
C) The Fahrenheit scale is used only in newspapers.
D) Both scales are used for measuring temperature.
E) German scientist invented the Celsius system.

3. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
The term "fahrenheit" ...
A) has retained its popularity among young people
B) is very rarely used in Britain today
C) refers to the scale of temperature between 32° and 90°
D) is never used in weather forecast
E) derives from the name of a German scientist

4. Choose the correct answer to the question.
What would be the temperature on a hot summer's day in Britain?
A) 90°C
B) 32°C
C) 3°F
D) 38°F
E) 32°F

5. Which word from the passage best fits the following definition "a set of numbers, amounts, etc., used to measure or compare the level of something".
A) temperature
B) centigrade
C) scale
D) newspaper
E) point

6. Write one adjective from the passage which characterizes "point".

7. Complete the sentence according to the passage.
In weather forecasts on TV the temperatures are given in ...

8. Write the answer to the question according to the passage.
When was the Fahrenheit scale invented?
