

PART II : READING COMPREHENSION

(20 marks)

Read the following text carefully and do ALL the exercises that follow.

It was a dark winter evening in the year 1891. It was too cold and rainy to play outside. James A. Naismith, a sports teacher at an American school, tried to think what to do with his students. They were bored! He looked around the gym for ideas.

There were two old fruit baskets on the floor in the corner of the gym. He jumped up and said: "I've got it! What a wonderful idea! Let's take a basket and hang it on the wall. Here, kids, throw the ball into the basket. Hurray! I invented a new game. I'll call it basketball!"

That same night he invented a set of rules for the game. He decided on two teams-five players in each. The players scored points for each ball they threw into the basket. The students loved the game.

Soon Naismith's new game was one of the most popular all over the United States of America. Men and women, boys and girls played this new ball game. Today, people all over the world love basketball. Many like playing the game. Others like going to basketball games at stadiums or watching it on TV.

A. Answer the following questions according to the text.

(5×2=10 marks)

1. What season was it?

2. Why were the students bored?

3. What did James A. Naismith invent?

4. How was the game played?

5. Where do people like to watch basketball?

B. Say whether the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

(4x1=4 marks)

1. Naismith was a teacher at an American School. _____
2. The first baskets were fruit baskets. _____
3. Many years later, people invented rules for basketball. _____
4. Only men played the new game. _____

C. Find the opposites of the following words in the text.

(3x1=3 marks)

1. sunny ≠ _____
2. old ≠ _____
3. hated ≠ _____

D. Find words/phrases in the text which have a similar meaning to: (3X1=3 marks)

1. very = _____
2. fantastic = _____
3. a lot = _____

PART III : USE OF ENGLISH

(50 MARKS)

A. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

(10x1=10 marks)

1. This is the _____ day of my life.
(a) happy (b) happier (c) happiest
2. He is very rich. He _____ to work.
(a) hasn't (b) mustn't (c) doesn't have
3. If I _____ more time, I would help you.
(a) had (b) have (c) has
4. Tom _____ in a hotel last year.
(a) work (b) worked (c) has worked
5. Put _____ your coat. It's cold today.
(a) on (b) off (c) at
6. He speaks French well _____ he lived in France for many years.
(a) so (b) but (c) because

7. Do you eat _____ chocolate?
 (a) many (b) much (c) few
8. My sister likes _____ computer games.
 (a) to play (b) play (c) playing
9. We always go shopping _____ Friday.
 (a) on (b) in (c) at
10. They went _____ yesterday. They stayed at home.
 (a) noone (b) nothing (c) nowhere

B. Write questions for the underlined answers in these sentences. (5×2=10 marks)

1. _____
 My father is forty years old.
2. _____
Tom likes listening to jazz music.
3. _____
 She saw Mary last night.
4. _____
 I want two bottles of water.
5. _____
 They live in Nicosia.

C. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (10×2=20 marks)

1. They (1) _____ (go) to Greece for holidays last year.
2. We (2) _____ (have) this house since 2006.
3. If he is tired, he (3) _____ (stay) home.
4. Tom (4) _____ (wash) the car when I (5) _____ (see) him.
5. Listen! They (6) _____ (sing) our song.
6. Helen (7) _____ (sleep) while her mother (8) _____ (cook).
7. My brother (9) _____ (do) his homework in the afternoon.
8. They (10) _____ (watch) TV now.

D. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given at the end of each sentence. (5×2=10 marks)

1. Nicosia is not as big as London. (**than**)
London _____ Nicosia.
2. My mother cleans the house every day. (**cleaned**)
The house _____ every day.
3. Tom finished his homework and then he went to the park. (**had**)
Tom _____ before he went to the park.
4. I don't have money; I won't buy that house. (**buy**)
I _____ if I had money.
5. They started learning English two years ago. (**been**)
They _____ for two years.

PART IV : VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

A. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the words in brackets. (5×1=5 marks)

1. This film is _____ I can't watch it. (**bore**)
2. Her father is a famous _____. (**music**)
3. Tom drives _____. (**careful**)
4. What's the _____ between an exam and a test?. (**different**)
5. It is difficult to make the right _____. (**decide**)

B. Use words from the box to complete the sentences below. There are two extra words which you don't have to use. (5×1=5 marks)

frightened	square	capital	excited	teenagers	nurse	between
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1. _____ believe that their parents don't understand them.
2. The supermarket is _____ the bank and the hotel.
3. My sister wants to be a _____ when she finishes school.
4. There are a lot of shops near the _____.
5. I was _____ because I heard footsteps in the kitchen.