

PART II: READING COMPREHENSION

(30 MARKS)

Read the following text and then do all the exercises that follow.

Women in Sport



The first **ancient** Olympics Games date back to 776BC but in those days only men could compete. Married women were not allowed to take part in the games, or even to watch them. Only single women could attend the competition. Some women did not accept this and dressed up as men to go to the games.

Although females could not compete in the ancient Olympic Games, they had their own **opportunities** for sporting competition. The Herean Games were for female athletes. They took place every four years to honour the goddess Hera, wife of Zeus.

The first modern Olympic Games were in Athens in 1896. Fourteen nations took part in 43 **events** with 241 athletes - 241 men and no women. Women made their first appearance in the modern games four years later in Paris. There were 22 female competitors. Charlotte Cooper, a British tennis player, became the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal.

In the following decades, talented sportswomen have continued to **participate** in both the Olympic Games and the Winter Olympics. They have achieved greater and greater success in a huge range of sports. In Athens 2004, Leontien Zijlaard van Moorsel from Holland became the first female cyclist to win four gold medals and six medals in total. At the winter Olympics in Turin in 2006, Janica Kostelić from Croatia won a gold and a silver medal. With a total of four gold medals and two silver in her career, she holds the record for medals won by a woman in Alpine skiing.

Outside the Olympics, women are involved in a number of sports traditionally played by men. Women's football is becoming **increasingly** popular. Two of the strongest female teams are the USA and Brazil. However, many European countries have national teams in the top 30 including England, Spain, Czech Republic, Serbia and Montenegro.

A. Choose the best answer according to the text.

(5x3=15 marks)

1. In the ancient Olympics only _____ could take part.

- A. men
- B. women
- C. children

2. The Herean Games for women were held every _____

- A. five years.
- B. two years.
- C. four years.

3. Women first participated in the Olympic Games in...

- A. 1896
- B. 1900
- C. 2004

4. Leontien Zijlaard van Moorsel won _____ medals in total.

- A. four
- B. six
- C. ten

5. Today women play _____ sports.

- A. lots of
- B. popular
- C. a few

B. Answer the following questions according to the text. (5x2=10 marks)

1. Why did married women wear men's clothes to go to the ancient Olympic Games?

2. Where were the first modern Olympics held?

3. How many countries participated in the first modern Olympics?

4. Who was the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal?

5. Which sport is popular among women today?

C. Match the words in column A, in bold in the text, with their definitions in column B. (5x1=5 marks)

	A		B	Answers
1	ancient	a	take part	1.
2	opportunities	b	more and more	2.
3	events	c	chances	3.
4	participate	d	very old	4.
5	increasingly	e	games	5.

PART III: USE OF ENGLISH

(40 MARKS)

A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences. (10x1=10 marks)

1. Did you _____ computer games when you were five?
(a) used to play (b) use to play (c) played
2. Gerry would like _____ a teacher.
(a) to be (b) being (c) have been
3. I haven't been to a pop concert _____.
(a) already (b) yet (c) just
4. We'll go to the beach at the weekend unless it _____.
(a) rained (b) doesn't rain (c) rains
5. New York is an amazing city. I wish I _____ there.
(a) lived (b) live (c) was living
6. A detective is a person _____ catches criminals.
(a) which (b) who (c) whose
7. Buses move _____ than trains.
(a) slowly (b) more slowly (c) most slowly

8. She _____ him what he was reading.
 (a) asked (b) said (c) told
9. What do you think _____ in the next fifty years?
 (a) happens (b) will happen (c) is happening
10. "Romeo and Juliet" _____ written by Shakespeare.
 (a) was (b) will be (c) is

B. Complete each of the following sentences, using the words given in brackets, in such a way that it means the same as the sentence before it. (5x2=10 marks)

1. Rachel walked to school when she saw her friends. **(walking)**
 Rachel _____ when she saw her friends.
2. If he doesn't study hard, we will fail his exams. **(unless)**
 He will fail his exams _____ hard.
3. "We don't want to go to the museum." **(said)**
 The children _____ to go to the museum.
4. The concert was fantastic. It took place in the park. **(which)**
 The concert, _____, was fantastic.
5. We washed the car. We went for a drive. **(had)**
 After we _____, we went for a drive.

C. Choose the correct tense in the following paragraph. (10x1=10 marks)

Dear Nick,

Thanks for your letter. I enjoyed reading about your new video game. I'm sorry for not writing, but I **(1) have been / had been / am** very busy.

I'd like to tell you about a scary thing that **(2) was happening / happens / happened** to me the other day. I was in a shop and **(3) was finishing / had finished / finish** buying a few things. A man suddenly **(4) walked / was walking / walks** in and said: "This is a robbery." He said he **(5) didn't want / doesn't want / hadn't wanted** to hurt anyone, but he made us **(6) putting / to put / put** all our money in a large bag. He kept **(7) to shout / shout / shouting** at us to hurry up! Then he ran out of the

shop. Luckily, a police officer **(8) passes / had passed / was passing** by and he caught him!

That's all for now. I **(9) miss / am missing / will miss** you and hope your parents **(10) let / will let / will be letting** you visit us next summer.

Lots of love,
Peter

D. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

(10x1=10 marks)

Help the environment

opinion, rivers, environmental, recycle, pollution, paper,
danger, eco-friendly, think, brush

The biggest problem in today's world is the environment. There is a lot of **(1)** _____ and a lot of animals are in **(2)** _____. We can all help the environment and become more **(3)** _____. I try to help the environment every day.

In my **(4)** _____, we must save water. It's very important. I save water because I always turn the tap off when I **(5)** _____ my teeth. Also, I never have a bath, I always have a shower. I tell my family to save water too. It really helps the environment.

I also **(6)** _____ that we must save electricity. I always switch off lights when I leave the room. I switch off my computer and TV, too.

Rubbish is another big **(7)** _____ problem. People usually put a lot of rubbish in special rubbish dumps, or we burn it. The rubbish in the ground can pollute **(8)** _____ and lakes, and burnt rubbish pollutes the air. Instead of burning rubbish or putting it in the ground, we can **(9)** _____ it, or use it again. At home we put **(10)** _____, glass and plastic into special containers outside our house.


