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The First term,second test of English



The Greeks started the Olympic Games almost 3000 years ago in 776 BC. **They** were held nearly every four years for over a thousand years until they were stopped in 393 AD.In order to participate, athletes had to be a free man (no slaves) who spoke Greek. There may have also been a rule about age. Apparently they wanted the athletes to be youthful, or at least youthful looking. From what we know, athletes were supposed to only be men. Before the start of the games, athletes also had to take a vow to Zeus that they had been training for ten months.The winners of the games were considered heroes. They got olive branches for winning, but also became famous. Sometimes they received sums of money from **their** home towns.

The Olympic Games were held in Olympia, hence the name Olympics. They were held **there** because the gods lived on Mount Olympus and the games were in honor of the king of the gods, Zeus. Athletes would travel to Olympia from many different Greek city-states and sometimes from far away Greek colonies to compete.The original Olympics had fewer events than what we have at the modern Olympics today. At the first Olympics there was only a single event. It was called the stadion and was a running race **that** went the length of the stadium, or around 200 meters. It wasn't until the 14th Olympics that they added in a second event. It was another running event that was one lap around the stadium; around 400 meters. Religion played a big part in the games. Eventually the games lasted five days with the first and last day devoted to honoring the gods. One hundred oxen were sacrificed to Zeus during the games. Politics played a role in the games as well. During the games a truce was observed between warring city-states. Athletes were allowed to pass through enemy territory to get to the games.

Ex1/ The type of discourse in the text is: a-Descriptive b-Narrative c-Argumentative

Ex2/Are these statements (True) or (False) according to the text:

a-The first Olympic games occurred in Persia.
b-Olympics were held in Olympia to glorify the king of Gods.
c-Even woman could participate in the games.
d-During Olympics there was temporary ceasefire between warriors.

Ex3/Answer these questions according to the text:

a-Who could take apart in the games?
b-What should athletes do before the start of games?
c-How were winners of games treated?
d-When did Greeks add new events to the Olympics?

Ex4/What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text:

a-They(§1) b-Their(§1) c-There(§2) d-That(§2)

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Ex5/Match words in column(a) with their definitions in column(b):

(A)	(B)
a-Vow b-Truce c-Colonies d-Sacrifice	1-Area of land acquired & settled by distant state & subjected to its control. 2-To promise 3-The slaughter of an animal to please a deity 4-Agreement between two armies or states to suspend hostilities.

Ex6/Fill in the following table:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
……	……	Free
……	Difference	……
To compete	……	……
……	Length	……

Ex7/Put the verbs between brackets in their correct forms:

In 1829, German archaeologists (begin) uncovering Olympia. Today, the site of the ancient Olympic Games(be) only a shadow of its former glory. Many of the building foundations(remain), but few walls and pillars still(stand), and the stadium where footraces (be) held long ago is now just a broad stretch of barren ground.

Ex8/Classify these words according to their number of syllables:

Olympics – games – stopped – athletes – eventually – devoted

Ex9/Re-order these sentences to get a coherent paragraph:

a- and he was said to be so powerful that he could carry a full-grown bull on his shoulders.
b-Perhaps the greatest athlete of the ancient Games was Milo of Croton,
c-a wrestler who lived in the 500's B.C.
d-He won the wrestling crown six times,

a	b	c	d

Good luck for all

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