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**Group: 92**

**OLYMPIC GAMES**

In 776 BC the first Olympic Games were held at the foot of Mount Olympus to honour the Greeks’ chief god, Zeus. The Greeks paid much attention to physical fitness and strength in their education of youth. That is why contests in running, jumping, discus and javelin throwing, boxing, and horse and chariot racing were held in individual cities, and the winners competed every four years at Mount Olympus. Olympic athletes had to be men of Greek nationality and not slaves. Winners were greatly honoured. People put olive wreaths on their heads, sang songs and wrote poems about their achievements. Originally Olympic Games were held as games of friendship, and any wars were stopped to allow the games to take place. The games were so important to the Greeks that they calculated time in four-year cycles called “Olympiads” dating from 776 BC.

Task 1. Which of the following is NOT true?

**A Winners put olive wreaths on their own heads.**

B The games were held in Greece every four years.

C Battles were interrupted to take part in the games.

D Only Greek men could take part in the Games.

**2. Why were the Olympic Games held?**

A to stop wars

B to honour the best athletes

C to honour Zeus

D to sing songs about the athletes

**3. How many years ago did these games begin?**

A 776 years

B 2,277 years

C 1,237 years

D 2,789 years

**4. Which of the following contests was not mentioned?**

A discus throwing

B skating

C boxing

D running

**5. What conclusion can we make about the ancient Greeks**?

A They liked to fight.

B They were very athletic.

C They liked a lot of ceremony.

D They couldn’t count, so they used “Olympiads” for dates.

**Task 2. Match statements (6–10) to the notices (A–G).**

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| 6. Phone this person if you want to work with cars | A Only French and German spoken here |
| 7. You cannot use your phone. | B Turn off your mobiles during the lesson |
| 8. People here do not understand English very well. | C Gentlemen are welcome if accompanied by women |
| 9. If you find what this person is looking for, you will get money. | D Mechanic needed. Call garage manager (Fred Bagging 790878767) |
| 10.You have to use stairs. | E Lost passport. Name Harrison Boyd. £50 Reward for safe return. Phone 6798909. |
|  | F.Elevator  OUT OF ORDER |
|  | G Tap water is safe to drink h |

**Task 3.** For beginnings 11–16 choose the correct endings A–J. There are four choices you do not need to use.

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| 11. Buckingham Palace | A is in the centre of Trafalgar Square in London. |
| 12. Yellowstone National Park … | B is one of the largest parks in central London, famous for its Speakers’ Corner. |
| 13. Nelson’s column … | C is a pencil-like obelisk. |
| 14. The Washington Monument … | D is the home of the British queen |
| 15. The London Eye … | E is an American national monument built to honour the16th President of the United States. |
| 16. The White House … | F is the first and the most famous national park in the USA  G is the largest observation wheel in the world. |
|  | H is the traditional place of coronation and burial site for British monarchs. |
|  | I is the home of the President of the United States.  J is in Scotland. |

**Task 4. Choose the correct answer A–D.**

**17. He was  to go to work, so he stayed at home.**

A very ill B so ill

C too ill

D ill enough

**18.  you show them the photographs, they’ll never believe you.**

A Whether

B Despite

C Unless D If not

**19. I’m sorry, I  to get to change that money for you, I was too busy.**

A couldn’t

B didn’t manage

C weren’t able

D haven`t managed

**20. If they  some assistance, they ... .**

A would want, would ask

B want, would ask

C want, will ask

D would want, will ask

**21. New York is  polluted than Athens.**

A the most

B more

C much

D little

**22. It was named  her daughter.**

A for

B in

C after

D behind

**23. The Beatles were an  band.**

A amazed

B amazing

C amazes

D have amazed

**24. Matt is the boy  father is a teacher.**

A who

B which

C whose

D whom