

TASK 1. Read the text and answer the questions, choosing the right answer. (10 x 0.2=2)

Կարդալ տեքստը և պատասխանել հարցերին՝ ընտրելով ճիշտ տարբերակը:

Line number

1. Roman gladiators are intriguing figures in history. We get "gladiator" from the Latin word gladius, which  
 2. means sword. Gladiators were professional combatants who originally performed, to the death, at Etruscan  
 3. funerals. The losers became armed attendants in the next world to the person whose funeral was being held.  
 4. In Rome, these exhibitions became very popular and increased in size from 3 pairs at the first known  
 5. exhibition in 264 B.C. to 300 pairs in the middle of the first century B.C. These **spectacles** increased to as many  
 6. as 100 pairs under the emperor Titus, while the emperor Trajan in 107 A.D. had 5,000 pairs of gladiators for  
 7. his triumph.  
 8. There were various classes of gladiators, distinguished by their arms or modes of fighting. The Samnites  
 9. fought with the national weapons - a large oblong shield, a visor, a plumed helmet, and a short sword.  
 10. Thracians had a small round shield, called a buckler, and a dagger curved like a scythe. **They** usually fought  
 11. the Mirmillones, who were armed in the Gallic fashion with helmet, sword and shield. Similarly, a Retarius or  
 12. net man, was often matched with a Secutor, or pursuer. The net man wore nothing but a short tunic or apron  
 13. and tried to **entangle** the fully armed pursuer with the cast net he carried in his right hand. If successful, the  
 14. net man dispatched the pursuer with a large, three pronged weapon called a trident, which the net man carried  
 15. in his left. Others fought on horseback, and some carried a short sword in each hand. There were also gladiators  
 16. who fought from chariots and others who tried to lasso their **antagonists**.  
 17. Gladiators came from a variety of social classes. Though they were usually slaves and criminals, a ruined  
 18. man of high social position might hire himself out as a gladiator. Emperor Domitian had unusual gladiators,  
 19. dwarfs and women, and the half-mad emperor Commodus fought in the arena, where he won his bouts with  
 20. the aid of his Praetorian Guard.  
 21. To a victorious gladiator was given branches of palm and sometimes money. If they survived a number of  
 22. combats, they were often freed from gladiatorial service. However, many gladiators reentered after discharge.  
 23. Some became politically important bodyguards to controversial politicians.

1. **What is the main topic of the passage?**  
 a) The life of Roman gladiators  
 b) The weapons used in the Roman arena  
 c) The emperors of Rome  
 d) The social status of gladiators
2. **According to the passage, where did gladiators originally perform?**  
 a) At Etruscan funerals  
 b) In Romanian arenas  
 c) At Thracian cities  
 d) In Trajan's triumph
3. **According to the passage, when did the first known gladiatorial exhibition take place in Rome?**  
 a) In 50 B.C.  
 b) In 264 B.C.  
 c) In 107 A.D.  
 d) In 157 B.C.
4. **Which of the words below is closest in meaning to the word "spectacles" as used in line 5?**  
 a) Eyeglasses  
 b) Displays  
 c) Marshes  
 d) Corpses
5. **The word "they" in line 10 refers to which of the following?**  
 a) Samnites  
 b) Gladiators  
 c) Thracians  
 d) Daggers
6. **All of the following were used as WEAPONS by gladiators EXCEPT:**  
 a) a buckler  
 b) a cast net  
 c) a tunic  
 d) a trident
7. **Where would the following sentence fit best in the passage?**  
*In the 2000 film Gladiator, Joaquin Phoenix played the role of Commodus and fought Maximus, the gladiator.*  
 a) At the end of paragraph 1  
 b) At the end of paragraph 3  
 c) At the end of paragraph 2  
 d) At the end of paragraph 4



**TASK 4. Choose the best answer (a, b, c or d). (12x0.25=3)**

**Ընտրելի համապատասխան տարբերակը:**

1. They covered \_\_\_\_ three miles and came to a point where they couldn't see \_\_\_\_ vegetation; \_\_\_\_ was covered with snow.  
a) other, any, all                      b) another, any, everything                      c) the other, no, each                      d) others, \_\_\_\_, the whole
2. It was clear he was hungry. He ate a considerable \_\_\_\_ of fried meat \_\_\_\_ quicker than \_\_\_\_ and asked for \_\_\_\_ helping.  
a) number, lot, others, other                      b) amount, far, the others, another  
c) deal, a lot, the other, the others                      d) quantity, \_\_\_\_, another, an another
3. You know still waters run \_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_ I get to know him, \_\_\_\_ embarrassed I feel. I would like to have \_\_\_\_ information because I don't know what his \_\_\_\_ move is going to be.  
a) deeply, the better, the more, farther, next                      b) deep, better, more, further, nearest  
c) deeper, the best, the most, farther, near                      d) deep, the better, the more, further, next
4. She opened two bottles of perfume. The perfume in the oval bottle smelt \_\_\_\_ that reminded her of \_\_\_\_ summer; but \_\_\_\_ had a strange smell.  
a) so sweetly, last, latter                      b) so sweet, late, the latter  
c) such sweetly, the latest, the former                      d) such sweet, later, last
5. When he saw them standing \_\_\_\_ to each other, he laughed \_\_\_\_ as though a weight had been lifted from him. But his wife cut him \_\_\_\_ saying his laughter was not to the point.  
a) closely, joyfully, shortly                      b) close, joyful, short                      c) closely, joyful, short                      d) close, joyfully, short
6. \_\_\_\_ breakfast on dry bread and \_\_\_\_ in his pocket another piece of bread \_\_\_\_ for dinner, he settled himself at a desk of the reading room. He looked forward to \_\_\_\_ his first book.  
a) Having, carrying, serving, take                      b) Having had, having carrying, to serve, take  
c) Having had, carrying, to serve, taking                      d) Having, carried, serving, having taken
7. Don't help my son, please. I \_\_\_\_ rather he \_\_\_\_ supper himself. He is an excellent cook.  
a) would, will cook                      b) had, cooks                      c) would, cooked                      d) had, had cooked
8. If I \_\_\_\_ you, I \_\_\_\_ him. It's high time you \_\_\_\_ his advice.  
a) were, would contact, taking                      b) had been, would have contacted, taken  
c) am, will contact, will take                      d) were, would contact, took
9. Mary shook hands \_\_\_\_ a tall stout man sitting \_\_\_\_ the chair \_\_\_\_ the piano and introduced him \_\_\_\_ me.  
a) with, on, beside, to                      b) to, in, at, for                      c) for, into, near, \_\_\_\_                      d) with, in, at, for
10. No, you \_\_\_\_ her beautiful. But she could get everybody \_\_\_\_ about her appearance because she had a lot of charm and was always \_\_\_\_ dressed.  
a) couldn't have called, forget, pretty                      b) could have called, forget, prettily  
c) couldn't have called, to forget, prettily                      d) might have called, to forget, pretty
11. He felt like \_\_\_\_ in the fresh air. \_\_\_\_ the garden entrance, he stopped \_\_\_\_ at the flowers.  
a) to work, Having arrived at, to look                      b) working, Arriving to, looking  
c) work, Arrived in, looking                      d) working, On arriving at, to look
12. In 1887 the \_\_\_\_ Barron Pierre de Coubertin conceived the idea \_\_\_\_ the Olympic Games and spent seven years \_\_\_\_ public opinion in France, England, and the United States to support his plan.  
a) 24-year-old, of reviving, preparing                      b) 24-years-old, to revive, preparing  
c) 24-year's-old, of reviving, to prepare                      d) 24-years'-old, reviving, to prepare

TASK 5. Complete the newspaper headlines with a suitable idiom from the box without any changes. (10x0.3=3)

Ավարտել հոդվածի խորագրերը՝ աղյուսակից ընտրելով համապատասխան դարձվածային միավորը՝ առանց որևէ փոփոխության:

BRING THE HOUSE DOWN	GO DUTCH	PUT THEIR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL
FALL ON DEAF EARS	<del>GO BALLISTIC</del>	SEE EYE TO EYE
COME A CROPPER	HAND IN GLOVE	TOOTH AND NAIL
GO FOR A SONG		GO BUST

EXAMPLE: LEADING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL MUST GO BALLISTIC  
OVER ACCUSATIONS OF CORRUPTION  
(become very angry)

1. UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY'S PLEAS FOR  
PEACE \_\_\_\_\_  
(are ignored)

2. CAR MANUFACTURER URGES WORKFORCE  
TO \_\_\_\_\_  
(make a greater effort; work harder)

3. TV JOURNALIST ACCUSES POLICE  
COMMISSIONER OF BEING \_\_\_\_\_ WITH  
NOTORIOUS SOHO GANG LEADER  
(very friendly with; closely associated with)

4. ITALY'S NATIONAL TEAM PROMISE FANS TO  
FIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ TO WIN REPLAY IN  
BARCELONA  
(fight fiercely)

5. SINGERS IN NEW MUSICAL HIT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(get lots of applause)

6. OLYMPIC RECORD HOLDERS \_\_\_\_\_  
(accidentally fall onto the ground, fail)

7. VAN GOGH PAINTINGS ACCIDENTALLY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(are sold very cheaply)

8. MOST YOUNG COUPLES  
\_\_\_\_\_ THESE DAYS  
(share the costs, especially when eating out)

9. GOVERNMENT AND TEACHERS' UNIONS  
DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ OVER NEW EDUCATION  
REPORT  
(agree; have the same opinion)

10. FIGURES OUT TODAY REVEAL THAT ONE IN  
FOUR NEW COMPANIES \_\_\_\_\_ WITHIN  
THEIR FIRST YEAR  
(go bankrupt; stop trading)

TASK 6. Read these sentences carefully, and decide if the definitions in italics of the words in bold are CORRECT or INCORRECT. (10x0.3=3)

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EXAMPLE: He was a talented film director whose unique and **innovative** style inspired generations of film students.

*Difficult to understand.*

CORRECT / INCORRECT

1. I'm worried that a lack of suitable qualifications will **hinder** my search for a job.  
*Help someone or something, or make something easier.*

CORRECT / INCORRECT

2. Research was going well, but there was a risk that cuts in funding would **jeopardise** the entire project.  
*Risk damaging or destroying something important.*

CORRECT / INCORRECT

3. The villas were basically **flimsy** wooden huts that shook every time there was a bit of wind.  
*Strong and well built or made.*

CORRECT / INCORRECT

