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**DIRECTIONS**

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Is soccer the same as football, or are they two different sports? Well, it depends on whom you ask. Americans know soccer as a kicking game played with goals. Football involves tackling. Touchdowns are scored instead of goals. Other countries have different names for these games. Some call the kicking game football instead of soccer. It can be very confusing!

1. Which chapter title would help a reader who is previewing this text?

- (A) Kicking the Ball
- (B) Soccer or Football?
- (C) American Sports
- (D) Tackling Sport

2. Which index entry would point a reader to this text?

- (A) soccer rules
- (B) names of games
- (C) sports heroes
- (D) football injuries

3. Which word has the same vowel sound as *games*?

- (A) gander
- (B) gash
- (C) time
- (D) aim

4. What is the antonym of the word *confusing*?

- (A) quick
- (B) dark
- (C) obvious
- (D) difficult

5. What does the phrase *it depends on whom you ask* mean in the text?

- (A) Some people will not know the answer.
- (B) Some people will be rude if you ask them.
- (C) You will get different answers from different people.
- (D) People agree on the answer.

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The offside rule in soccer is good to know. A player can be called offside. This happens when a player stands closer to an opponent's goal than the ball and a defending player. A player cannot receive a pass by the goal and the goalie. This rule makes the soccer game fair. It keeps players from hanging out by the goal and waiting for a pass.

1. Which statement summarizes the text?

- (A) This text explains how referees make calls about rules.
- (B) This text explains how kids learn soccer skills.
- (C) This text explains what rules are easily broken during a soccer game.
- (D) This text explains what the offside rule is.

2. Which chapter title best fits this text?

- (A) Scoring a Goal
- (B) Soccer Fans
- (C) Soccer Rules
- (D) Breaking the Rules

3. Which two words have the same vowel sound?

- (A) *good* and *know*
- (B) *not* and *goal*
- (C) *keeps* and *receives*
- (D) *ball* and *pass*

4. What is the antonym of *opponent*?

- (A) friend
- (B) teammate
- (C) coach
- (D) teacher

5. What does the phrase *makes the soccer game fair* mean in the text?

- (A) slowing people down
- (B) prevents people from cheating
- (C) makes the game fun to watch
- (D) keeps coaches happy

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Read the text and then answer the questions.

Where can a fan watch the best male soccer players in the world? At the World Cup, of course. The World Cup is the biggest soccer competition in the world. It happens every four years. There are 32 teams that compete for the winning title. Brazil has won the most titles, winning five times.

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1. Which sentence gives the main idea?

- (A) the first sentence
- (B) the second sentence
- (C) the third sentence
- (D) the last sentence

2. Which title best fits this text?

- (A) The Ultimate Champion
- (B) Playing to Win
- (C) The World Cup
- (D) Game Tickets

3. Which two words have the same root word?

- (A) *compete* and *competition*
- (B) *male* and *most*
- (C) *team* and *title*
- (D) *compete* and *course*

4. What is an antonym of *competition*?

- (A) win
- (B) cooperation
- (C) game
- (D) battle

5. The sentence *At the World Cup, of course* shows that the author

- (A) dislikes the World Cup.
- (B) thinks most readers know about the World Cup.
- (C) is going to the World Cup.
- (D) is a soccer player on a World Cup team.

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## Kicking It with Beckham

Many young boys and girls grow up wanting to become a famous athlete. David Beckham did. Many people that know him say that he was born to be a soccer player. He has loved the game from a very young age.

David grew up in England. He lived a pretty simple life. He played soccer constantly as a young boy. He worked hard on his skills. It has always been the biggest part of his life. He played his first professional game as a young man. He was only 18 years old. He played for the Manchester United team.

Beckham quickly became a fan favorite. He plays midfield and helps to move the ball for his team. He got a lot of attention for one goal he made. During a game, he noticed a goalie who was out of the goal. He kicked a goal from the halfway line of the field. He made it! Many people started to notice David after this play. He continued to work hard. Beckham helped his team win many games. He was also in the running for the World Player of the Year. People enjoyed watching him play.

In 2003, he was transferred to the Real Madrid team in Spain. He began to earn a lot of money for his smart footwork! His life truly became a rags-to-riches story. Beckham came from a simple life to earn millions of dollars playing soccer.

Today, David Beckham plays with the Los Angeles Galaxy team. He has dealt with several injuries in his career. Because of them, he has missed some games. Yet David Beckham remains one of the great soccer players in the world.



*David Beckham*

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Read "Kicking It with Beckham" and then answer the questions.

**SCORE****1.** Which question shows a purpose for reading this text?

- (A) How much is a professional athlete paid?
- (B) How did David Beckham become a great soccer player?
- (C) Which soccer team has won the most championships?
- (D) What are the rules for soccer?

**2.** Which sentence shares the author's opinion?

- (A) People enjoyed watching him play.
- (B) Beckham quickly became a fan favorite.
- (C) Yet David Beckham remains one of the great soccer players in the world.
- (D) He has loved the game from a very young age.

**3.** Which statement shows a connection to this text?

- (A) This reminds me of being a fan of a movie star.
- (B) This reminds me of reading a story like "Hansel and Gretel."
- (C) This reminds me of playing at the beach.
- (D) This reminds me of working hard to learn how to play tennis.

**4.** Which event happened first?

- (A) Beckham joined the Los Angeles Galaxy team.
- (B) Beckham scored a goal from midfield.
- (C) Beckham missed games because of injuries.
- (D) Beckham played for the Manchester United team.

**5.** What is the most important point about Beckham's life?

- (A) He was only 18 when he became a professional soccer player.
- (B) He worked hard, and his life story went from rags to riches.
- (C) He played for three different teams.
- (D) He grew up in England.

**6.** How many professional soccer teams are mentioned?

- (A) one team
- (B) two teams
- (C) three teams
- (D) four teams

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Reread “Kicking It with Beckham.” Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

**SCORE**

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Think about how David Beckham worked hard to become very good at his sport. Describe something that you work hard at and practice. What motivates you to keep practicing?

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