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Part 1 For questions **1 – 8**, read the text and choose the correct answer for each gap. Choose the correct answer from the options below.

Hadrian's Wall

Hadrian's Wall is a limestone and sandstone structure, which (1)_____ for more than one hundred kilometers across the island of Great Britain, (2)_____ modern-day Scotland from England.

It was built almost two thousand years (3)_____ by the Roman army under orders from the emperor Hadrian. Some people think it was built to protect and separate the Romans (4)_____ the barbarians of the north while others believe it was to act simply as a (5)_____ to control immigration and smuggling. Whatever its reason for being, Hadrian's Wall represented the final (6)_____ of the Roman Empire.

Many (7)_____ come to see the wall each year and it is possible to climb and stand on the parts of the wall and, in the summer months, it is possible to walk along its entire (8)_____, from East to West.

1	A	stretches	B	is	C	protracts	D	ranges
2	A	cutting	B	blocking	C	dividing	D	separating
3	A	since	B	ago	C	before	D	when
4	A	of	B	from	C	or	D	to
5	A	line	B	border	C	boundary	D	fringe
6	A	end	B	field	C	frontier	D	farewell
7	A	tourists	B	travellers	C	voyagers	D	strangers
8	A	long	B	length	C	line	D	sight

Answers:

1	stretches
2	separating
3	ago
4	from
5	border
6	frontier
7	tourists
8	length

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Part 2 Read the text. Think of the word that best fits each gap.
Write the correct word in each gap (1 – 8).

A Brief history of football

1863 is often identified as an important date for football, as that was when the Football Association in England, the sport's first governing body, (1)_____ formed.

A search down the centuries reveals (2)_____ least six different games to which the historical development of football (3)_____ be attributed.

An exercise from a Chinese military manual dating (4)_____ the 2nd and 3rd centuries BC gives us the very earliest form of the game, which consisted of kicking a leather ball filled with hair and feathers through an opening of a diameter of about 35cm in width.

Another form of (5)_____ game, also originating from the Far East, is Japan's Kemari, which began some 500-600 years later and is still played today. Standing (6)_____ a circle, players have to pass the ball to each other and try not to let it touch the ground.

Modern-day football has become the most watched sport in the world and (7)_____ of its practitioners are the most famous people on the planet. The simplicity of the game makes it accessible to all and its unparalleled (8)_____ is sure to continue in the future.

Answers:

1	was		
2	at		
3	can	may	could
4	from		
5	the		
6	in		
7	some		
8	success		

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Part 3 Read the text. For questions 1 – 8, use the word on the right to form a word that fits in the gap. For each question, write your answer in the gap.

Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl is (1)[ARGUE] the most popular of all children's writers. He was born in 1916 in Wales in the United Kingdom, though his parents were Norwegian, and his many (2)[EXCITE] books include timeless works, such as 'James and the Giant Peach', 'Matilda', 'The Witches' and, perhaps the best (3)[KNOW], 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory'.

Dahl's characters are hilarious, heart-warming and sometimes scary but they are always interesting. They (4)[TRUE] come to life on the page and his wonderful use of language is enjoyed by (5)[CHILD] and adults alike. He did not start writing for children until he had children of his own and, originally, he (6)[WRITE] stories for adults, which were later published as 'Tales of the Unexpected'. Much less (7)[COMMON] known is the fact that he was also behind the screenplays for 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and the James Bond movie 'You Only Live Twice'.

When Dahl died in 1990, the great author was buried with some of his (8)[FAVOUR] things, amongst which were pencils, chocolate, red wine and his snooker cues.

Answers:

1	arguably
2	exciting
3	known
4	truly
5	children
6	wrote
7	commonly
8	favourite

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Part 4 For questions **1 – 6**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

1. I have never heard such a beautiful song.

MOST

This is _____ I have ever heard.

2. 'Don't sit too close to the television', his mother said.

WARNED

His mother _____ to sit too close to the television.

3. You ought to have booked a table before we came.

SHOULD

You _____ reservation before we came.

4. What time did you finally arrive at work this morning?

TURN

When did you finally _____ work this morning?

5. I would like you to say sorry for what you did.

APOLOGISE

Please _____ you did.

6. Perhaps I wouldn't have had children if we had never met.

MIGHT

If I hadn't _____ have had children.

Answers:

1 mark to be awarded for each correct part answer, denoted by brackets here; a total of 2 marks awarded for each complete answer.

1. [the most] [beautiful song]

2. [warned him] [not]

3. [should have] [made a]

4. [turn up] [at] **or** [turn up] [for]

5. [apologise for] [what] **or** [apologise for] [the thing] **or** [apologise for] [the thing that]

6. [met you I] [might never] **or** [met you I] [may never]