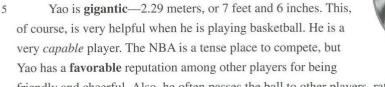
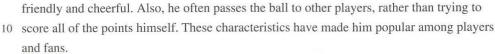
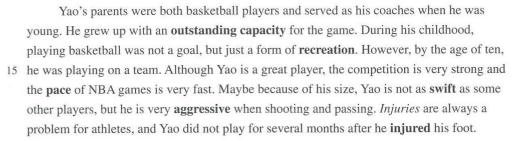
Sports Reading Comprehension Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions. Reading Passage 1

Chinese in the NBA

Yao Ming is the first Chinese player to be seen in the NBA's **locker** rooms. The appearance of Yao on the Houston Rockets **amazed** the **fans**. They did not think a Chinese player could handle playing in the NBA. They were wrong.







When the **whistle** blows to start the game, the **gymnasium** shakes with the sound of the crowd, and the smell of **sweat** fills the air. The fans watch in *amazement* as Yao and his team play an exciting game of basketball.



aggressive: [ə`grɛsɪv] adj 有幹勁的	injure: [`ɪnʤər] v 使受傷		
amaze: [əˈmez] v 使驚奇	injury: [ˈɪnʤərɪ] n 損傷		
amazement: [əˈmezmənt] n 驚訝	locker: ['lakヂ] n 衣物櫃		
capacity: [kəˈpæsətɪ] n 能力	outstanding: ['aut'stændɪŋ] adj 出眾的		
capable: [`kepəbl] adj 有能力的	pace: [pes] n 速度		
fan: [fæn] n 迷	recreation: [ˌrɛkrɪ'eʃən] n 娛樂、消遣 sweat: [swɛt] n 汗水		
favorable: [`fevrəbl] adj 討人喜歡的			
gigantic: [ʤaɪˈɡæntɪk] <i>adj</i> 巨人似的	swift: [swɪft] adj 迅速的 whistle: ['hwɪsḷ] n 哨子		
gymnasium: [குரா'nezɪəm] n 體育館			



Re	eading Comprehension Choose the	correct answers.			
Mai	n Idea				
1.	. What is the main idea of the passage?				
	(A) Difficulties Yao had when living in the U.S.				
	(B) How injuries have affected Yao's p	laying.			
	(C) Yao's development as a basketball	player.			
	(D) The return of Yao to China for the	Olympics.			
Sup	porting Idea				
2.	How did Yao get interested in basketba	11?			
	(A) He started playing it at school.				
	(B) His parents both played basketball.				
	(C) He saw it on a vacation to the U.S.				
	(D) His brother played for the NBA.				
M	ultiple Choice Choose the correct of	inswers.			
1.	Joseph is a(n) athlete who has b	better skills than the ot	her players on the team.		
	(A) outstanding (B) favorable	(C) swift	(D) gigantic		
2.	Clarence his knee when he slip	ped on the ice.			
	(A) pace (B) sweat	(C) amazed	(D) injured		
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3.	Winning the game everyone, be				
	(A) amazed (B) injured	(C) sweat	(D) fan		
4.	Scott is too The rest of us have	e a hard time keeping u	ıp.		
	(A) favorable (B) gigantic	(C) swift	(D) outstanding		
5.	At the sound of the the game w	vill begin.			
	(A) recreation (B) pace	(C) locker	(D) whistle		
(The coloral will build a new fac				
6.	The school will build a new for		ports III.		
	(A) sweat	(B) gymnasium			
	(C) whistle	(D) capacity			
7.	You can leave your school clothes in th	e when we pla	y basketball.		
	(A) gymnasium (B) locker	(C) whistle	(D) sweat		

Reading Passage 2

Sports and Health

In sports events all over the world, men and women lift weights, leap through the air, and toss balls. Tennis players hit shots across the net with great accuracy, and football players try to score points and avoid penalties in the *championship*. These events are often 5 held in a huge stadium or on open fields of grass. The purpose of these games is to beat others and to win awards or prizes.

But competing or being a **champion** is not the only thing that **motivates** us to participate in sports. It is about having fun and improving our health. We should exercise often—at least three to five times a week.

We do not have to be as *accurate* as the champions. Our award is the increased strength, loss of weight, healthier mind, and increased ability to fight disease. However, playing sports is not the only thing we need. **Apart** from exercise, we should also eat properly and watch our diet. Of course everyone knows that all forms of tobacco are poison—they will kill us. It is also good to get regular **medical** exams. This is especially important before beginning an exercise program.

We can get together with a **handful** of people and play such sports as volleyball, basketball, golf, or **cricket**. There are also a number of **individual** activities that we can **engage** in, such as running, riding a bicycle, or walking. You may like to **dive** into a pool and swim several hundred meters (although you should go with a partner for safety).

Whether it is with a group or by yourself, find a sport that you enjoy and engage in it often. So, what is your *motivation* for all this effort? You will not win any prizes, but your life will be better.



accuracy: [`ækjərəsɪ] n 精確性	handful: ['hænd,ful] n 少量	
accurate: ['ækjərɪt] adj 準確的	individual: [ˌɪndəˈvɪʤuəl] adj 個人的、單獨的	
apart: [ə'pɑrt] <i>prep</i> 除外	leap: [lip] v 跳越	
award: [ə`wɔrd] n 獎項	medical: ['mɛdɪkḷ] adj 醫學的	
champion: [`t∫æmpɪən] n 冠軍	motivate: ['motəˌvet] ν 推動、激發	
championship: [`t∫æmpɪən,∫ɪp] n 錦標賽	motivation: [ˌmotə've∫ən] n 推動	
cricket: ['krɪkɪt] n 板球	penalty: ['pɛnltɪ] n 處罰	
dive: [daɪv] v 潛水	stadium: ['stedɪəm] n 運動場	
engage: [ɪnˈɡeʤ] v 從事	toss: [tɔs] v 投、抛	

Reading Comprehension	Choose the correct answers.				
Inference					
1. Why does the passage say	1. Why does the passage say we will NOT win any prizes for playing sports?				
(A) Most of us are not ver	(A) Most of us are not very good at sports.				
(B) We are exercising, not	competing.				
(C) Very few people ever	(C) Very few people ever win a prize.				
(D) Most sports do not off	er prizes.				
Supporting Idea					
2. Which of the following is	NOT listed as something you need to think about?				
(A) Exercising with others	(B) Never exercising at night.				
(C) Watching what you ea	t. (D) Getting regular exercise.				
Detailed Information					
3. It would be better to have	someone with you on some individual sports to				
(A) talk to while you exer	cise (B) encourage you to keep on				
(C) help you if you get hu	rt (D) show you how to exercise				
Tommy's dream had for player, and tonight he was go had taken Tommy a long time and played with smaller club thought of becoming a famous was considered one of the beshooting. He was also a team	inally come true. He had always wanted to be a great soccer oing to play in the game that would decide the state It he to make it as a soccer player. He had practiced for many years he before getting on a big team. It was all very tiring, but the sus player				
big night—his chance to hell knew that this would be a ni	p his team win it all. As Tommy looked around the5, he ght that he would never forget.				
(A) engaged (E) motivated	(B) accuracy (C) crickets (D) penalties (F) champions (G) individual (H) stadium				
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