



TEXT

1. Even though the heating system in the main competition area was not working, women wrestlers were thrilled to make Olympic history Friday. The wrestlers are taking part in a three-day test event for the Athens Games, competing in the venue where their sport will be introduced at the Olympics for the 1st time.

2. " Naturally, I think it's awesome seeing I am a wrestler," said Canadian Lyndsay Belisle, who competes in the 105.6- pound division. " It's sort of like making history ". There is no guarantee the sport will stay in Olympic competition at the 2008 Games in Beijing because the International Olympic Committee is under pressure to reduce the number of sports. "To know that I'm going to be going and representing my entire country and the whole effort of all the athletes, that does make me a little awe-struck," American Sara McMann said.

3. Many athletes complained about the freezing temperatures outside the venue, which is located about 12 miles north of central Athens. The silver- shaped venue seats 9,300 people.

" The venue itself is very nice aesthetically," American Patricia Miranda said. U.S. coach Terry Steiner called the venue " spectacular ".

" I think they looked at the athletes and teams and what they really wanted and needed for a peak performance, " Steiner said of the locker rooms, which include beds.

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I – READING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)

1) Tick the correct alternative. (1 mark)

The article is about :

- a – the Beijing Olympic Competition.
- b – women wrestlers.
- c – the International Olympic Committee .

2) Correct the following false statements with reference to the text. (2 marks)

a – Wrestling will be introduced at the Olympics for the first time.

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b – The venue is in central Athens.

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3) Tick the right alternative. (1 mark)

" thrilled " (paragraph 1) means :

- a – afraid
- b – excited
- c – discouraged

4) Answer the following question. (1 mark)

Would you like to play an olympic game in the spectacular venue described in the text ? Why ?

Why not ?

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II – LANGUAGE (10 marks)

- 1- Match the sentence parts in Column A with the ones in Column B to get a coherent paragraph (There is an extra one in B). Write your answers in the box below. (2.5 marks)

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1. Through the right play material, a child can be	a- being warm, patient and understanding.
2. Of course the people in charge of these	b- deep love for children.
3. It's important that they have the qualities of	c- easily stimulated into learning.
4. Moreover, they should be experienced and enterprising	d- children play a crucial role.
5. And above all, they must have	e- lead to significant results.
	f- enough to stimulate the children so that they learn through play.

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- 2- Fill in the blanks with 7 words from the box. (3.5 marks)

their – reducing – who – aggression – playing – researchers – them – few – themselves.

Many studies have shown that video violence can lead to serious real-life in kids. But until now people have looked at the possible effects of screen time. In a study, Stanford asked students to limit to 7 hours a week of video viewing. After eight months, children avoided video games were rated as far less aggressive than kids who kept old viewing habits.

- 3 - Put the bracketed words in the correct form. (2 marks)

The Earth is a well-connected system. Carbon dioxide emitted in one country is (rapid) mixed throughout the atmosphere, and pollutants (release) into the ocean in one location are transported to (distance) parts of the planet. Local and regional emissions create (globe) environmental problems.

- 4 – Circle the correct alternative. (2 marks)

Most studies show that women do two or three times as much housework and child rearing (as – like – such) their husbands. When men do play an (equality – equally – equal) role, they often avoid housework. They just take the fun (occupations – jobs – careers). Most men know they ought to do more to (rise – raise – neglect) their children.

