1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
   a   There is a World Cup competition every three years.
   b   When Stanley Matthews was a professional footballer in the 1950s, he got about $40 a week.
   c   More than 100 million people in China watch English soccer matches on TV.
   d   Men and women play football at the Olympic Games.
   e   Argentina have won the World Cup more times than any other country.

2 Which of these people . . . ? Zinedine Zidane, Lily Parr, King Edward the Third of England, Pelé, Robert Hoyzer
   a   . . . was the youngest player to play in a World Cup? . . . .
   b   . . . said that football was bad and dangerous? . . . .
   c   . . . often got angry during games? . . . .
   d   . . . secretly got money from clubs before matches? . . . .
   e   . . . played for a factory’s football team at the age of fourteen? . . . .

3 Match a number from A with a letter from B to make complete sentences.
   A
   1   If a player is offside, the assistant referee . . .
   2   If a player fouls another player badly, the referee can . . .
   3   If the referee shows a player a red card, the player must . . .
   4   A team usually gets a goal if . . .
   5   The goalkeeper is the only player who can . . .
   B
   a   . . . there is a penalty.
   b   . . . show him a yellow card.
   c   . . . touch the ball with his hands.
   d   . . . holds up his flag.
   e   . . . leave the pitch immediately.

4 Match a word from A with a definition from B.
   A
   1   shoot
   2   fan
   3   defend
   4   final
   5   foreign
   B
   a   To try to stop the other team from scoring goals
   b   From another country
   c   The last and most important game in a competition
   d   To try to kick the ball into the goal
   e   Someone who loves watching soccer

5 Fill in the gaps using: different, rules, today, stop, could, old, kick, soccer, fighting, hundreds
   Football is very . . . . . . . By the 1300s, there was a lot of football in England, but it was not the game we know . . . . . . . There were . . . . . . . . . of men in each team, and there was a lot of . . . . . . One English king said that football must . . . . . . . but people did not listen. By the 1800s a lot of schools were playing football, but the rules were . . . . . . from one school to another. For example, in some schools players . . . . . . . pass the ball with their hands, but in others they could only . . . . . . . it. In 1863 a group of men met in London and wrote some . . . . . . . for the game. They called themselves the Football Association. When people played football using these new rules, they called it ‘ . . . . . . ’ from the word ‘Association’.

Total marks
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MULTIPLE-CHOICE TEST

Places

Choose the best answer.

1 Two thousand years ago, people in _____ played a ball game called Cuju.
   a □ Uruguay  b □ France  c □ England  d □ China
2 The first World Cup was in _____ in 1930.
   a □ England  b □ Brazil  c □ Uruguay  d □ Japan
3 A lot of people in _____ like Gaelic football.
   a □ Ireland  b □ the USA  c □ Brazil  d □ England
4 _____ has won the World Cup more times than any other country.
   a □ Argentina  b □ England  c □ Brazil  d □ France
5 When Hidetoshi Nakata left Japan, he played for some top clubs in _____.
   a □ China  b □ Italy  c □ England  d □ Argentina
   a □ Arsenal  b □ Liverpool  c □ Manchester United  d □ Chelsea
7 Rugby is a sport that started in _____.
   a □ Argentina  b □ France  c □ England  d □ Scotland
8 The Tri-Nations championship is a rugby competition for _____, Australia and New Zealand.
   a □ England  b □ South Africa  c □ Japan  d □ China
9 _____ started the first soccer club in Uruguay in 1882.
   a □ An English teacher  b □ Some sailors  c □ A factory worker  d □ A soldier
10 The Africa _____ of Nations is played every two years.
    a □ League  b □ Cup  c □ Competition  d □ Club

People

Choose the best answer.

11 _____ said that football was bad and dangerous.
   a □ Diego Maradona  b □ Marta  c □ King Edward the Third of England  d □ David Beckham
12 _____ joined her factory’s football team when she was 14.
   a □ Lily Parr  b □ Sun Wen  c □ Birgit Prinz  d □ Mia Hamm
13 When Sir Stanley Matthews was a professional footballer in the 1950s, he got about _____ dollars a week.
   a □ 40,000  b □ 4,000  c □ 400  d □ 40
14 David Beckham played for _____ for ten years.
   a □ Perugia  b □ Arsenal  c □ Juventus  d □ Manchester United
15 Pelé played in his first World Cup when he was _____.
   a □ 14  b □ 17  c □ 20  d □ 25
16 Pelé was a _____.
   a □ striker  b □ goalkeeper  c □ defender  d □ midfielder
17 _____ often got angry during games.
   a □ Mia Hamm  b □ Pelé  c □ Zinedine Zidane  d □ Hidetoshi Nakata
18 _____ scored more goals in international matches than any other man or woman.
   a □ Mia Hamm  b □ David Beckham  c □ Birgit Prinz  d □ Diego Maradona
19 Robert Hoyzer was a _____ who sometimes got money from clubs before matches.
   a □ player  b □ referee  c □ goalkeeper  d □ manager
20 Newspapers often have stories about David Beckham’s wife _____.
   a □ Maria  b □ Fiona  c □ Carla  d □ Victoria

20 marks 20 marks
**Facts**

**Choose the best answer.**

21. In a soccer game, there are two halves of _____ minutes.
   a) 90  b) 40  c) 15  d) 45

22. The referee _____ to start the match.
   a) holds up his flag  b) blows his whistle
   c) shouts ‘Start!’  d) kicks the ball

23. If a referee shows a player the _____ card, the player must leave the pitch at once.
   a) red  b) yellow  c) green  d) blue

24. _____ makes the rules of soccer for everyone.
   a) FOFA  b) FIFA  c) FUFA  d) FIFO

25. In most leagues, teams get _____ if they draw a game.
   a) no points  b) three points  c) one point  d) two points

26. In a soccer competition, the last _____ teams play in the semi-finals.
   a) four  b) two  c) sixteen  d) eight

27. Subbuteo is a soccer game that you play _____.
   a) in the street  b) on a beach  c) on a computer  d) on a table

28. In Australian rules football, there are _____ players in each team.
   a) 13  b) 18  c) 5  d) 11

29. In Futsal, there are _____ players in each team.
   a) 20  b) 18  c) 11  d) 5

30. Soccer fans sing ‘We’ll _____ you evermore’.
   a) manage  b) call  c) support  d) control

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**Vocabulary**

**Choose the best answer.**

31. the person or team that is the best at a sport
   a) defender  b) champion  c) striker  d) manager

32. to try to stop the other team from scoring goals
   a) attack  b) defend  c) pass  d) blow

33. something that tells you what you must or mustn’t do in a game
   a) card  b) team  c) league  d) rule

34. a group of teams that play each other to find which team is best
   a) business  b) supporter  c) league  d) draw

35. a person who loves watching soccer matches
   a) assistant  b) hooligan  c) fan  d) star

36. when a player does something wrong (for example, kicks another player)
   a) foul  b) corner  c) pass  d) throw-in

37. from a country that is not your own
   a) clever  b) local  c) final  d) foreign

38. to kick the ball to another player on your team
   a) head  b) pass  c) throw  d) shoot

39. a small piece of thick paper
   a) card  b) whistle  c) cup  d) flag

40. to try to kick the ball into the goal
   a) pass  b) blow  c) shoot  d) beat

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20 marks
Events

Choose the best answer.

41 King Richard the Second of England tried to _____ soccer.
   a □ watch   b □ learn   c □ stop   d □ play

42 In 1863, a group of men met in London to start the Football _____.
   a □ Association   b □ League   c □ Company   d □ Group

43 The first international soccer match was between England and _____.
   a □ the USA   b □ Spain   c □ Scotland   d □ Brazil

44 Women who worked in _____ started the first women’s teams.
   a □ schools   b □ factories   c □ shops   d □ hospitals

45 At first, most soccer matches in England were played on _____.
   a □ Monday mornings   b □ Friday evenings   c □ Sunday mornings   d □ Saturday afternoons

46 _____ scored the ‘Goal of the Century’ in 1982.
   a □ Pelé   b □ Mia Hamm   c □ Diego Maradona   d □ David Beckham

47 The Super Bowl is an important _____ game.
   a □ Gaelic football   b □ rugby   c □ Australian rules football   d □ American football

48 In 2003, AC Perugia asked _____ to play for their men’s team.
   a □ Marta   b □ Birgit Prinz   c □ Sun Wen   d □ Lily Parr

49 Most big stadiums now have _____ for all the fans.
   a □ seats   b □ whistles   c □ tables   d □ flags

50 In 2008, _____ of the top twenty English clubs belonged to foreign owners.
   a □ two   b □ four   c □ nine   d □ seventeen

[20 marks]

[Total marks]