

EIGHTH GRADE FINAL TERM EXAM

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First name :

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Class :

Text :**The Great Ronaldo Mystery**

He is both talented and hard-working.

They call him the greatest footballer in the world. So why did he play so badly when Brazil lost to France in the World Cup Final? This is the “Great Ronaldo Mystery”.

Half an hour before kick-off, a list of the Brazilian team was given out to journalists. Ronaldo was not on the list. Then the list was Cancelled* and a new one was given out. Ronaldo was now in the team. But why was the list suddenly changed?

Ten minutes after kick-off the Brazilian manager made a statement. “Ronaldo went to hospital for a” test “on his left ankle just before the game”, he said. The test showed that he could play in the team, so they changed the list.

But after one look at Ronaldo out on the field I knew immediately that he was having problems. And it wasn't just his ankle-so what was it? Was he just very nervous in a big match like that?

He was neither running well nor attacking. He was either ill or injured - maybe both ill and injured - but something was wrong.

Ronaldo said : “I was feeling something very strange after lunch I never felt before in my life. I really felt bad. I had a headache... and a pain in my stomach”.

Was this an excuse or was he really poisoned?

Was this all a clever trick against the Brazilian team ?

If Ronaldo really was ill or injured, why did he play in the match ?

Even journalists sometimes cannot find the true story, so The Great Ronaldo Mystery is still that : a mystery.



* Cancelled : changed

I] Comprehension : (7Marks)

A/ Read the above article and say if these statements are true or false.

Justify your answers :

- 1) Brazil was the match winner in the World Cup Final.
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- 2) Ronaldo played well in the match.
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- 3) Ronaldo went to hospital just before the match.
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B/ Answer the following questions about the text :

- 1) What do journalists think happened to Ronaldo?
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- 2) How was Ronaldo feeling during the match ?
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- 3) What rumour does the writer suggest in the last part of the article?
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- 4) Do you believe it? Why?
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C/ Find in the article synonymes or opposites to :

- ☆ Lazy ≠
- ☆ Awful =

II] Language : (7Marks)

A/ Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense :

- 1) **A :** “ - (**you/see/ever**) Jurassic Park?
B : - Yes, I
- A :** - When (**you/ see**) it?
B : - I it three years ago.

2) "Tomorrow (**be**) a really busy day, you'd better go to bed now. If you don't sleep early, you (**not/wake**)early." Says the mum to her son.

B/ Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word. Choose from the list :

1) We haven't seen the new James Cameron film

a – yet b – already c – never d – ever

2) "Don't throw the sweet on the floor put them in a bin."

a – bags b – papers c – wrappers d – plastics

3) "I think English is the European language to learn." Says Tom.

a – easy b – easier c – easily d – easiest

4) In 2000, during the Sydney Olympics, boxing and Gymnastics took place

a – in a field b – in an arena c – on a track d – in a pool

C/ Complete the following exchanges with the prompts given :

1) Join / Club / Chess

James : (makes a suggestion)

Albert : That's a good idea;

2) Make / a phone / class

Secretary : (Make polite request)

Boss : Yes, of course.

D/ Complete the missing words. The first letter is given :

1) You can't try these shoes on, they aren't big e.....

2) She's perfect for the job, this is why they've hired her, she's hardworking and r.....

