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FIRST PAPER

Part A - Reading Comprehension (70 points)

A

Read the article below.

Knitting's Classroom Comeback



What would you think if your teacher told you to bring knitting needles to class? You would probably be surprised, because the last time knitting was taught in schools was in 1988. Knitting was first introduced in schools when the wool supply was low after World War II. The government encouraged people to make new winter clothes from old wool. They even published a booklet
5 called *Make Do and Mend*. Knitting continued gaining popularity in the 1960's, with people using brightly colored wool to copy the latest fashions. However, as people earned more money, they had less need for knitting. Since 1988, knitting hasn't been taught in schools at all.

Things are changing once more though: Knitting is coming back into schools. At Worth Primary School, teachers say knitting improves students' behavior and helps develop their
10 math and writing skills. "It encourages communication," adds principal Lyne Moore. "Instead of playing on computers, children knit and have conversations with each other." More and more teachers and parents want knitting put back into the national curriculum next year.

Knitting isn't just for kids; it's beneficial for older people too. "This generation is interested in
15 knitting," says teacher Gloria Young. "Many people want to relearn the traditional skills that our grandparents knew. It makes them feel accomplished." That's especially important because so much work nowadays is on the computer, and doesn't result in finished products. So even adults can gain from knitting.

Take Mike Haeg, for example. The forty-four-year-old from Minnesota began experiencing
20 memory problems. "I learned that a hobby like knitting could help clear my mind," says Haeg. He began creating scarves and hats, and eventually won a prize at a state fair for a beautiful scarf. "Knitting is an expression of my creativity," Haeg says. "I knit every evening, and enjoy seeing my progress, not to mention the beautiful finished product I end up with!"

B Answer the questions.

1. According to lines 1-7, what is true about knitting?
- a. Schools started to teach it in 1988.
 - b. It was taught in schools in the past.
 - c. It became popular after 1988.
 - d. It was common among people who earned a lot of money.

(8 points)

2. What is explained about the history of knitting? (lines 1-7)
- a. Why the government encouraged people to knit using old wool.
 - b. Why people started copying the latest fashions.
 - c. Why people began earning more money.
 - d. How successful the booklet *Make Do and Mend* was.

(8 points)

3. Lines 8-13 present the (-) of knitting.

- a. traditions
- b. negative aspects
- c. development
- d. advantages

(8 points)

4. How does knitting improve children's ability to interact with each other? (lines 8-13)

ANSWER:

(8 points)

5. How is knitting different from working on the computer? (lines 14-18)

Complete the sentence.

Unlike working on the computer, knitting

(8 points)

6. In lines 14-18 we are told (-)

Tick (✓) the TWO correct answers.

- a. who knitting is good for.
- b. what skills our grandparents taught our generation.
- c. what kind of knitting will make you feel most accomplished.
- d. what adults can gain from knitting.
- e. why people work on the computer nowadays.
- f. what finished products adults can make.

(2*7=14 points)



Tip

When you are asked to complete a sentence, sometimes you will have to change the pronoun used in the original text, according to the way the question is asked. For example, in the following question, change "my" to "his."

כאשר הנכם מתבקשים להשלים משפט, לעתים יהיה עליכם לשנות את הגוף בהתאם לתחילת המשפט. לדוגמה, שנו את המילה "שלי" המופיעה בציטוט ל "שלו".

7. Why did Mike Haeg start knitting? (lines 19-23)

Complete the sentence.

He hoped that
(8 points)

8. Complete the sentence.

In lines 22-23, Mike Haeg explains why he knitting.
(8 points)

Vocabulary

A Translate the following words into Hebrew.

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. adult - | <input type="text"/> | 6. generation - | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. communication - | <input type="text"/> | 7. knit - | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. conversation - | <input type="text"/> | 8. publish - | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. eventually - | <input type="text"/> | 9. supply (n) - | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. gain popularity - | <input type="text"/> | 10. traditional - | <input type="text"/> |

B Circle the logical answer.

- For **knitting**, you need to have (-)

<input type="radio"/> a good eyesight.	<input type="radio"/> b good hearing.
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- If you have **published** a book, your name will probably be (-)

<input type="radio"/> a printed on the front cover.	<input type="radio"/> b written in pen on the first page.
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- If you have a **supply** of writing paper, you (-)

<input type="radio"/> a should buy more.	<input type="radio"/> b won't need to buy more for a while.
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4. You might eat **traditional** foods (-)
 - a at school.
 - b at a holiday meal.
5. If summer camps are **gaining popularity** in New York, (-)
 - a new camps will probably open.
 - b camps will close down.
6. In order to have a **conversation** with someone, you should (-)
 - a have different hobbies.
 - b speak the same language.
7. **Communication** is easier nowadays thanks to (-)
 - a cell-phones.
 - b robots.
8. Someone who is not from your **generation** can't share your (-)
 - a street address.
 - b year of birth.
9. Thomas Edison failed 983 times, but **eventually** he (-)
 - a invented the light bulb.
 - b failed one more time.
10. Only **adults** are allowed to (-)
 - a drive a car.
 - b play with a toy car.

C Fill in the sentences using the words below.

adults ◊ **communication** ◊ **conversation** ◊ **eventually** ◊ **gaining popularity**
generations ◊ **knits** ◊ **publish** ◊ **supply** ◊ **traditional**

1. Grandma sweaters for all of the grandchildren.
2. If you ever need a bag of tissues, ask me. I usually keep a large
3. The young boy's dream is to write and his own book one day.
4. No one in our neighborhood is wearing that style yet, but there are places where it is
5. Mrs. Brown has very modern-looking dishes, but her furniture is pretty
6. When it got dark, the two girls had to end their and go inside.
7. Good helps people avoid misunderstandings.
8. Mrs. Margulis has a very old gold watch that has been in her family for at least three
9. Both children and enjoy winning competitions.
10. A lot of snow stayed on the ground for a while because it was so cold, but it all melted.