SOCRATES

Module C — Full Practice Exam · 90 minutes · 100 points

WRITTEN RECEPTION (70 points)

(ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS)

Read the text and then answer questions 1–8. In the multiple-choice questions, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

THE JOY OF BOARD GAME CAFÉS

I On a rainy evening in many cities around the world, you can see young people sitting around tables, laughing and playing board games. They are not at home — they are relaxing in a board game café, a special place where people drink coffee, eat cake and choose from hundreds of different games. Board game cafés have become popular in numerous countries recently, and there are several in Israel too.

II The first modern board game café opened in Toronto, Canada, approximately fifteen years ago, and the concept behind it was wonderfully simple. Customers pay a small entrance fee*, and afterwards they can play as many games as they want. The games stand on tall shelves along the walls, including old classics like chess and hundreds of exciting new games. Whenever a game appears complicated, the employees come to the table and explain the rules in a few minutes.* fee — תשלום, דמי כניסה

III Why do people love these cafés? Firstly, playing a board game is a wonderful way to spend time with friends face to face, because everyone puts their phones away and talks, thinks and laughs together. Secondly, board game cafés are genuinely for everyone, since children, teenagers, parents and even grandparents can sit down and play together. Furthermore, an evening at a board game café costs considerably less than a film or a concert.

IV Board game cafés have helped board games become popular and fashionable again. Game retailers report that more people are now buying games to play at home, while some cafés organise special evenings for beginners and family afternoons on weekends. Because the best tables disappear quickly, it is a sensible idea to telephone and order a table before you arrive. One thing is absolutely certain: in a board game café, nobody is ever bored!

QUESTIONS — PART I (70 points)

1. According to paragraph I, what do people do in a board game café?

i. They watch films together.

ii. They drink coffee, eat cake and play games.

iii. They buy new games to take home.

iv. They work quietly on their computers.

(7 points)

2. In a board game café, customers pay a small fee. COMPLETE: After they pay, customers can

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(9 points)

3. What do the workers do if a game looks difficult? (paragraph II)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

4. Why is playing a board game a good way to spend time with friends? Give ONE reason. (paragraph III)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

5. Who can play in board game cafés, according to paragraph III?

i. Only teenagers.

ii. Only children and their parents.

iii. Everyone — children, teenagers, parents and grandparents.

iv. Only people who already know the rules.

(8 points)

6. Mark the TWO statements that are true according to the text.

- ☐ Board game cafés are popular only in Canada.
- ☐ The first modern board game café opened in Canada.
- ☐ Customers must bring their own games from home.
- ☐ An evening at a board game café costs more than a concert.
- ☐ It is a good idea to order a table before you come.
- ☐ Children are not allowed to play in the cafés.

(2×7=14 points)

7. What do game shops report? (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

8. What special events do some cafés run? Give ONE example. (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

PART II — WRITTEN PRODUCTION (30 points)

9. *(30 points)*

Describe your favourite season of the year. What is the weather like? What do you like to do in this season, and why do you enjoy it? Write 70–90 words in English.

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FINAL VERSION / גרסה סופית (70–90 words)

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