

A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15 pts

1 – a, 2 – the, 3 – about, 4 – As, 5 – was, 6 – whose, 7 – later, 8 – but, 9 – at,
10 – one, 11 – all, 12 – of, 13 – had, 14 – that, 15 – such;

VOCABULARY – 10 pts

1 – C, 2 – C, 3 – B, 4 – B, 5 – C, 6 – A, 7 – A, 8 – D, 9 – C, 10 – D.

READING COMPREHENSION – 10 pts

1 – B, 2 – C, 3 – B, 4 – D, 5 – A, 6 – B, 7 – A, 8/9 – A,C (or C,A), 10 – D.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5 pts

1- Holland, 2 – violin, 3 – (large) mirror, 4- Winter Pleasures, 5 – direction,
6 – (roller) hockey, 7 – championships, 8 – design, performance (*in either order*),
9 – eight million/8,000,000 people, 10 – lighter/safer (*in either order*).

ROLEPLAY

Teacher – An English-speaking grandparent living in Britain

Your grandson/granddaughter is going to be spending the next 2 months with you at your house. You are aware of how “modern life” is being lived today and do not fully agree with your grandson/granddaughter’s choices, feeling that (s)he has been ignoring a lot of important activities and work.

Services and technology are ok but having real, personal experiences related to gardening, shopping, cooking, and even making a cake are essential in your opinion!

ROLEPLAY

Student – A Slovak grandchild spending two months with his/her English-speaking grandparent living in Britain

You have found out that you will be living with your grandparent for the next two months. (S)he is a great person but you feel (s)he’s going to make your life very different compared to how it is when you are at home with your parents. Your grandparent insists that you make breakfast in the morning, go shopping for food by yourself, cook nearly every day, and wants you to make a cake on Sunday, and even work in the garden!

You do not see the point; you prefer shopping online, having food delivered and even getting a cake at the shop.

PICTURE STORY

Come up with a story based on the picture.



LISTENING TAPESCRIPT
(Please read twice.)

In today's programme I am going to be talking about roller skating: how the sport started and how it has developed over the years. So, who was the first person to come up with the idea of attaching wheels to their feet in order to get about more quickly and easily?

Well, roller skates are not a new invention. In fact, roller skating developed out of the much older activity of ice-skating, which existed in Scandinavia and other northern countries. The actual inventor of the first roller skates is not known, but it is generally thought that they originated in Holland in the early 1700s.

Roller skates first arrived in Britain in 1760, when the Belgian clockmaker John Merlin wore some to a formal ball in London. Merlin was known as something of a mad inventor, but he surprised everybody at the ball when he whizzed past them on wheels, playing the violin at the same time. Unfortunately, Merlin did not manage to persuade people that roller skating was a good idea. His skates had no brakes and he ended up crashing into a large mirror. Merlin was quite seriously injured in the accident and, as a result, roller skating did not immediately become popular in Britain.

In Germany, however, roller skates made a better impression. They were used in a ballet called *Winter Pleasures* which included a scene where the dancers skated on ice. Because they couldn't create the ice on stage, the organisers decided to use roller skates instead.

After this, the sport gradually became more popular, but it was only thanks to technical advances that it became safer. In 1863 an American named James Plimpton solved the problem of controlling direction when skating by fitting them with rubber springs. His design is widely regarded as the origin of the modern roller skate, although rubber toe brakes, another important safety feature, didn't come in until the 1870s.

The late 19th century saw the beginnings of events such as speed contests, artistic displays and roller dancing, as well as the first team sport on roller skates, roller hockey.

During the first decades of the 20th century, hundreds of indoor and outdoor roller-skating rinks opened in the USA and the sport became really established as a popular past time. The first roller-skating championships were held in Detroit in 1937.

Real development of the modern roller skate only began in the second half of the 20th century. From the 1950s onwards, the use of plastics led to improvements in the design and performance of roller skates, and roller disco movies of the 1970s and '80s increased the popularity of the sport, with roller discos opening in many parts of the world. Meanwhile, the stage musical *Starlight Express*, which features roller skating, ran for 17 years and was seen by eight million people.

The sport of roller skating also began gaining a more serious following, especially in southern Europe and South America. The biggest modern change to roller skates came in 1983 with the introduction of in-line skates, also known as rollerblades. Then, during the 1990s, new materials, brakes, and boot fastenings all combined to make skates both lighter and safer than they had ever been in the past.

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