

# Philadelphia University Language Center English Skills (0130099) Second Semester - 2017/2018

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### Part One: Reading and Writing Skills (6 Points)

#### Read the following text and answer the questions.

**A-** Wrestling in Bolivia is incredibly popular, and after a hard day's work many people love watching this mixture of sport, drama and entertainment. Usually, the wrestling matches are between men wearing masks and special costumes. But in El Alto, where it's especially popular, you can also see women wrestling.

Yolanda is one of the top women wrestlers. Her father was also a wrestler so it is a family tradition. During the day she makes clothes. She also has two daughters who both look like her. Would they like to become wrestlers one day? Yolanda doesn't think so. "My daughters ask me why I do this. It's dangerous and they complain that wrestling doesn't bring any money to the house." But Yolanda loves wrestling because of her fans, and she has lots of them!

One fan called Esperanza Cancina pays \$1.50 (a large part of her salary) to sit near the ring. She explains why she likes wrestling: "It's a distraction. The women wrestlers fight here and we laugh and forget our problems for three or four hours.

#### A- Choose the correct answer:

#### 1. Wrestling in El Alto is very special because

- a. wrestlers wear colorful masks on their faces
- b. wrestlers wear traditional costumes to reflect their history
- c. it is not only limited to males
- d. it is illegal

### 2. According to the text, Yolanda loves wrestling because

- a. it is so profitable
- b. it helps her to keep fit
- c. her late father wanted her to become a famous wrestler
- d. she enjoys the idea of having fans

## B- Answer by *True* or *False*:

1. Yolanda's daughters look like their father. ( )

2. Wrestling in Bolivia is a very famous sport. ( )

**B-** Muhammad Ali was an American professional boxer and activist. He is widely regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated sports figures of the 20th century. From early in his career, Ali was known as an inspiring, controversial, and polarizing figure both inside and outside the ring.

Clay was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, and began training as an amateur boxer when he was 12 years old. At age 18, he won a gold medal in the light heavyweight division at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and turned professional later that year. At age 22 in 1964, he won the WBA, WBC, and lineal heavyweight titles from Sonny Liston in a major upset

Ali is regarded as one of the leading heavyweight boxers of the 20th century, and remains the only three-time lineal heavyweight champion. His records of beating 21 boxers for the world heavyweight title, as well as winning 14 unified title bouts, were unbeaten for 35 years. Ali is the only boxer to be named The Ring magazine Fighter of the Year six times. He was also ranked as the greatest athlete of the 20th century by Sports Illustrated, the Sports Personality of the Century by the BBC, and the third greatest athlete of the 20th century by ESPN SportsCentury.

### A- Choose the correct answer:

### 1. Ali's great achievements started

- a. since he was young
- b. at the end of his career
- c. at the Olympics of Japan
- d. at the age of 35

# 2. According to the text, Ali is considered to be

- a. the only three-time lineal heavyweight champion
- b. the only American boxer
- c. a great swimmer
- d. a famous golf player

# B- Answer by True or False:

1. Muhammad Ali's first gold medal was in the heavyweight. (

2. Muhammad Ali was officially ranked as the greatest athlete of the 20th century. ( )

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# **Critical Thinking**

In 4 sentences, answer the following question:

# 1. What is your favorite sport? Why?

### Part Two: Vocabulary ( 4 points)

Fill in the blanks with the suitable word:

spectators	googles	tournaments	trophy	rackets	
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1. Swimmers use \_\_\_\_\_\_ when they swim so that they can see better and protect their eyes.

2. Each sport has certain equipment to be played with. For example, to play tennis, you need a ball and a pair of \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Andre Agassi is famous for being the winner of many tennis \_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Mohammed Salah was given the golden \_\_\_\_\_\_ for being the best football player in Europe.

### Part Three: Grammar (5 Points)

Read the following sentences carefully and then circle the most suitable answer.

**1.** For learning any new skill, you \_\_\_\_\_\_ follow the coach's instructions, practice regularly and sleep well.

- a. mustn't
- b. can't
- c. don't have to
- d. must

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ to different countries is very important if you want to meet new people and learn about other cultures.

- a. travelling
- b. travel
- c. to travel
- d. travelled

# 3. Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_\_ to western music like jazz or hip hop? a. listening b. listen c. listened d. listens 4. Most children would like \_\_\_\_\_\_ doctors when they grow up. a. become b. becoming c. to become d. became 5. I am always afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ my mobile; therefore, I I bought a special pouch for it. a. lose b. lost c. losing d. to lose