Scouts

The Scout Movement was founded in 1907 in the United Kingdom by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. The mission of the movement is to help young people develop as individuals, citizens and members of their local, national and international communities. There are 28 million scouts worldwide. Famous former scouts include Paul McCartney, Stephen Spielberg and David Beckham.

Francisco, The Philippines
I’ve been a scout for two years and it is a lot of fun. This year, we are learning to survive in the wood. I am learning to find my way using a map and the sun. We study forest and wood plants but I still don’t know how to recognize the ones that are not poisonous. I am also taking some first aid lessons.

Zoltan, Hungary
The really incredible thing in my scout group is that we focus on our environment. We collect litter, clear our local river and the banks, monitor water pollution and feed wild birds in winter. This year, we are planting new trees in our area. I have to plant more than 100 myself! It is enormous!

Joan, Australia
My scout group supports old and handicapped people. This year, we are checking how easy life is for people in wheelchairs in our town. We take photos of street signs, entrances to shops and public buildings and the pavements. We talk to bus drivers and police officers. When we finish, we will prepare a report for the local council.

Aldona, Poland
My scout group is interested in history. We are looking after memorials from World War II in our town. Now, we are collecting money for their restoration. So far, we’ve got £300.
1- **Read the text.** (7 minutes)

2- **Explain the six underlined words according to their meaning in the text.** (7 minutes) 6 points

   a- Wood: .................................................................
   
   b- Incredible: ..........................................................
   
   c- Banks: ..............................................................
   
   d- Enormous: ...........................................................
   
   e- Supports: ..........................................................
   
   f- Town: ..............................................................

3- **True/False. Write T or F in the space provided and justify from the text.** (7 minutes) 7 points

   a- The goal of the Scout Movement is to help teenagers become good citizens. ............
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   b- There are more than 20 million scouts in Great Britain. ............
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   c- Francisco uses natural elements to guide him in the woods. ............
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   d- Zoltan’s job as a scout is to describe the birds he sees in the city. ............
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   e- Joan found that life is very easy for handicapped people. ............
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   f- Aldona’s group cleans important monuments from World War I. ............
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4- **Answer the following questions in complete sentences and in your own words.** (10 minutes) 8 points

   a- What did Francisco learn so far and what has he still got to learn?
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b- What does the Hungarian scout group mainly do? Detail.

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C- Why, according to you, does Joan’s group take photos of street signs and entrances to shops? Explain.

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D- Do you think that the objective and goal of the Polish scout group is a good one? Why?

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5- Personal
Which group would you like to be part of? Explain in not more than 50 words. (8 minutes) 5 points
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Rewriting
Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets. (5 minutes) 5 points

a- She failed her exam. She studied hard. (although)
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b- She loves him but she doesn’t want to call him. (however)
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c- It was raining. I didn’t take my umbrella. (although)

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d- I was walking in the park. I met my old friend. (when)

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e- I received a laptop for my birthday. I also received a new pair of shoes. (and)

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GRAMMAR

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or past continuous. (6 minutes) 6 points

Here he was, Davey Stark, the big rock star. It (be) ……………………….. the end of an exhausting two-hour concert. The fans (scream) ……………………….. and (shout) ……………………….. . They (want) ……………………….. Davey, their hero. He (love) ……………………….. these moments at the end of the concert. He always (feel) ……………………….. powerful and in control. He (decide) ……………………….. to do one more song for the crowd: one of his most popular. When he (start) ……………………….. singing, the crowd (go) ……………………….. wild. By the end of the song, they (all/dance) ……………………….. and (clap) ……………………….. their hands. When Davey (leave) ……………………….. the stage, he (be) ……………………….. exhausted but exhilarated.

The following sentences contain mistakes. Find the mistakes and write the correction of the mistake only in the space provided. (5 minutes) 10 points

1- Our dog bited me three times.  ………………………………………..

2- my daddy builded our house himself.  ………………………………………..

3- When I run yesterday, our dog catched me.  ………………………………………..

4- Is this Dave’s fotball shirt? No he’s is on the table  ………………………………………..

6- Which is the more popular sport in your country?  ………………………………………..

7- That’s John. He listens to music.  ………………………………………..

8- Have we got some cold milk to drink?  ………………………………………..

9- If she doesn’t understand a word, she is always looking in the dictionary  ………………………………………..