

## Q Reading and Writing 2 Unit 4 Test

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### The Richest and the Best

**1** Manchester United Football Club is the richest sports team in the world. The English club is worth more than \$1.8 billion. The Spanish soccer team Real Madrid is worth \$1.3 billion. These clubs have enough money to pay the high salaries of the best players in the world. For example, in 2008, Manchester United paid Cristiano Ronaldo more than \$18 million. They paid Wayne Rooney more than \$16 million. Other teams also spend a lot of money on their players. These wealthy clubs include Barcelona in Spain, AC Milan in Italy, and Chelsea in England. As a result, these teams have been very successful. For example, Manchester United won championships in 2006, 2008, and 2009. Money is a clear advantage for these professional teams.

**2** The wealthiest teams make money in several ways. First, they can sell tickets at high prices because fans want to see the top players in action. Second, television stations pay the teams to broadcast their games. Third, large companies give financial support to the best teams. These corporate sponsors pay money so that their company name can be on the clubs' shirts, shoes, and stadiums.

**3** The recent success of the English team Chelsea shows an example of the effect of money on a team. For many years, Chelsea was a club with little money and few wins. Everything changed in 2003, when Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich bought the team for \$233 million. In his first year, Abramovich spent more than \$350 million on players. By 2006, Chelsea had won two championships. Now Chelsea is one of the richest clubs in the world.

**4** Many sports fans feel that money in sports creates an unfair advantage. Some teams have so much money that it seems impossible for poorer clubs to beat them. Wealthy teams are usually more successful, so they sell more tickets and make more money. Teams that do not have as much money usually are not as successful. It is difficult for them to get money from tickets, television, and corporate sponsors. Sports fans know that money gives some clubs a great advantage.

### Read the statements. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Manchester United is a soccer club in England.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The AC Milan soccer club is the richest sports team in the world.

### Choose the best response.

3. Which idea is NOT mentioned as a way that wealthy teams make money?  
A. They sell a lot of team shirts and shoes.  
B. They receive some financial support from very large companies.  
C. They get money from television stations that broadcast their games.
4. What is the purpose of paragraph 3?  
A. to demonstrate how sports teams with money win more often  
B. to explain how owners spend money on their team players  
C. to show how much Abramovich paid for the Chelsea team

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5. Which sentence shows the main idea of paragraph 4?
- A. Some teams have so much money that it seems impossible for poorer clubs to beat them.
  - B. Teams that do not have as much money usually are not as successful.
  - C. Many sports fans feel that money in sports creates an unfair advantage.

### Choose the best response.

6. Which of the following details would NOT be listed in your notes about the text?
- A. In 2008, Manchester United paid Wayne Rooney more than \$16 million.
  - B. The Spanish soccer team Real Madrid is worth \$1.3 billion.
  - C. Cristiano Ronaldo is the richest player on the Real Madrid team.
7. When taking notes about the text, what main idea should be listed for paragraph 2?
- A. The best teams can sell their tickets at high prices.
  - B. There are several ways the richest teams can earn money.
  - C. Companies pay teams to have their name on the teams' shirts.
8. What supporting idea would be in your notes about paragraph 3?
- A. TV stations paid money to broadcast the games.
  - B. A Russian billionaire bought the team for \$233 million.
  - C. Wayne Rooney was paid more than \$16 million.
9. What is an important way to use notes that you have taken?
- A. to study for a test
  - B. to think of ideas
  - C. to write to friends

### Complete the paragraph with the correct word from the word bank:

*advantage    championship    compete    effect    include    limit*

My favorite baseball team is the Chicago Cubs. They (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
with the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants. They haven't won a(n)  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ in many years, but they have a(n)  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ on their fans. Their fans love them, and this gives them  
a(n) (13) \_\_\_\_\_ over other teams. There really is no  
(14) \_\_\_\_\_ to the ways their fans show support for them. The ways  
their fans support them (15) \_\_\_\_\_ everything from watching the  
games to buying team t-shirts to singing the team song. Maybe all of this love will  
help the Cubs win a few baseball games!

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### Match each word with the correct definition.

- |                   |                                                                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____ 16. comment | A. to officially say that something is not allowed                       |
| _____ 17. energy  | B. the cause of something; something that explains why something happens |
| _____ 18. ban     | C. to prepare yourself, especially for a sports event, by practicing     |
| _____ 19. reason  | D. to give your opinion or feeling                                       |
| _____ 20. train   | E. to agree to something or accept that something is allowed             |
| _____ 21. approve | F. strength and ability to be active without getting tired               |

### Read the dictionary entry. Then choose the best response.

#### ad•van•tage noun

**1** [count] **an advantage (over sb)** something that may help you to do better than other people: *Her management experience gave her an advantage over other job candidates.* ♦ *Our team had the advantage of playing on our home field.*

**2** [count, noncount] something that helps you or that will bring you a good result: [count] *the advantages and disadvantages of a plan* [noncount]: *Is there any advantage in getting there early?* [OPP] DISADVANTAGE

22. According to the entry, which prepositions can be used with *advantage*?
- A. of, over
  - B. to, in
  - C. over, for
23. According to the entry, what part of speech is *advantage*?
- A. verb
  - B. noun
  - C. adjective
24. Look at the definitions for *advantage*. Which of the sentences below is NOT a correct example sentence?
- A. She has an advantage for other job candidates because she has many years of experience.
  - B. One of the advantages of living with a roommate is that you can share the costs for the apartment.
  - C. He has an advantage in English class because he studied English before.

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**Read the dictionary entry. Then choose the best response.**

**suc•cess** noun

**1** [noncount] the fact that you have achieved what you want; doing well and becoming famous, rich, etc.: *Hard work is the key to success.* ♦ *Her first novel achieved great commercial success.*

**2** [count] the thing that you achieve; something that becomes very popular: *You should try to make a success of your marriage.* ♦ *The school carnival was a huge success.* ♦ *I'm sure she'll be a success, no matter what career she chooses.* [OPP] FAILURE

25. Is the word *success* count or noncount?  
A. count  
B. noncount  
C. both
26. What part of speech is the word *success*?  
A. noun  
B. verb  
C. adjective
27. What is the opposite of the word *success*?  
A. hard work  
B. failure  
C. noncount

**Circle the error in the use of modals in the sentence. Write the sentence correctly.**

28. All children ought learn to play sports.

\_\_\_\_\_

29. Professional athletes should not to smoke.

\_\_\_\_\_

30. Professional athletes must to take tests to check for illegal performance drugs.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Write the negative form of the sentence.**

31. Sports teams must allow athletes to make high salaries.

\_\_\_\_\_

32. You should help John with the project.

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Choose the best response.

33. Which of the sentences below shows a very strong positive statement of opinion?
- A. Officials must allow girls to play the same sports as boys.
  - B. Officials should allow girls to play the same sports as boys.
  - C. Officials ought to allow girls to play the same sports as boys.
34. Which of the sentences below shows a weak negative statement of opinion?
- A. Professional athletes must not be allowed to take drugs.
  - B. Owners must not put a limit on the salaries of professional soccer players.
  - C. Soccer coaches should not earn more money than soccer players.

### Choose the best response.

35. Which phrase is NOT used to introduce an opinion in an opinion paragraph?
- A. I don't think
  - B. I believe
  - C. I know
36. Which sentence would be a strong concluding sentence in a paragraph about college sports players?
- A. In my opinion, college sports players should have good grades to play sports.
  - B. For these reasons, I feel college sports players should focus more on their grades than on their sports.
  - C. Second, they are representing the college or university when they play.

### Complete the paragraph with the correct phrase from the word bank:

*For example      For these reasons      I believe that      I don't think that*

(37) \_\_\_\_\_ sports teams charge too much money for admission to games. (38) \_\_\_\_\_, tickets to professional football games can cost \$50 or more. For a family of four, this means paying \$200 to see a game. This is too expensive for most people. Also, a lot of the money is used to pay players very high salaries. (39) \_\_\_\_\_ this is fair. (40) \_\_\_\_\_, I believe that tickets to professional sports games should not be so expensive.