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Read the text carefully and answer the questions below:

THE HISTORY OF SURFING

Surfing, the sport of riding breaking waves on a surfboard, originated in prehistoric times in the South Seas. The sea was the most important force in the lives of the people of Hawaii and the other islands of the Pacific Ocean. It had strong religious and social connotations. From the 15th century onwards, surfing was important because it showed that one could “master” the sea. There were many competitions and challenges to the death between rival chiefs.

The British captain James Cook was one of the first foreigners to see surfing when he went to Hawaii in 1778. He was very impressed by this spectacular sport and Europeans were fascinated by the stories the sailors brought home. The reaction of the first missionaries to Hawaii, however, was quite different. They did not approve of surfing and actually banned it in 1821. But, despite the efforts of the missionaries, the Hawaiian people never abandoned the sport. Important people made elaborate boards of solid wood; young boys surfed on banana trunks.

In 1920 a famous Hawaiian swimmer called Duke Kahanamoku started the first surfing club in Waikiki. He gave surfing demonstrations all round the USA and in Australia – on a solid wood board that weighed 60 kilos! He was universally loved and admired. When he died in 1968, the sport was popular all over the world.

The International Surfing Federation was founded in 1962 in Peru and world championships have been held since then in North America, Peru, Hawaii, South Africa and Australia.

Today surfing has become a way of life. It has its music, its clothes, its hi-tech equipment, its new champions. The original Hawaiian surfers would be surprised at the modern clothes and equipment but one thing has not changed: the magic of the perfect wave.

1. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones. (2 points)

a) From the 15th century onwards, surfing was important because they earned a lot of money with it.
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b) James Cook was from Great Britain.
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c) The first missionaries were very impressed by this spectacular sport.
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d) When Duke Kahanamoku died, this sport wasn't well-known all over the world.
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2. Find words or expressions in the text to match the following definitions: (1 point)

a) prohibited, forbidden.....

b) a wall of water, an undulating movement at the sea.....

c) a material you get from trees.....

d) started.....

3. Make a question. The underlined part is the answer. (2 points)

a) James Cook went to Hawaii in 1778.
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b) They founded The International Surfing Federation in 1962 in Peru.
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c) The Sea had strong religious and social connotations.
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d) Surfing was important because it showed that one could "master" the sea.
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4. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the list. (2 points)

hour trip celebrate height minute
 speed day room high passengers

The London Eye was opened on New Year’s Eve 1999 to (1)_____ the Millennium. It is 135 metres (2)_____, and from the top you can see all of London. On a clear (3)_____ you can even see Windsor Castle, which is 40 kilometres away. The London Eye has 32 capsules, each with (4)_____ for 25 people. Each (5)_____ lasts 30 minutes. It moves quite slowly, at a (6)_____ of about 15 metres a (7)_____, but it never stops. (8)_____ have to get on when it’s moving.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

5. Answer the following questions. You have to write 2-3 lines for each question. (3 points)

a) Which sports do you practise?

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b) What is your opinion about surfing?

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c) Is it healthy to do sports?

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