



- Instrucciones:
- Duración: Una hora y treinta minutos.
 - La puntuación de cada pregunta está indicada en las mismas.

MORALLY HARMFUL SPORTS

In Uzbekistan billiards was prohibited because it is "morally harmful." It is not known who prohibited it, but local authorities enforced it anyway. The true reason might have to do with organised crime or maybe just someone "important" lost a game. As the country has no free press, no one will find out what exactly happened. A spokesman of the Tashkent city council said that places with smoke, where alcohol is sold, can't be good for sports and should therefore be closed.

The country's Billiard Federation is very frustrated: they had planned to take part in many international competitions, but now they are not allowed to practise any more. "What would the authorities do if something like "peeball" were practised here?" wondered a spokesperson of the Billiard Federation.

Peeball is the "New Urinal Sport" that is a big success in Britain. The game is easy to play: put a peeball at the base of a urinal and try to disintegrate it with your pee. The faster you are, the more points you make. You can play it alone or in a group. The balls can be found in pubs, music stores and clothes shops; they are yellow and cost one pound. Morally harmful? The new sport is sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Society in Britain and the money collected with the sale of peeballs will go to the charity.

(A) COMPREHENSION (4 points)

- ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-2 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS.** (1 point per answer)
 - What were the reasons for the prohibition of billiards in Uzbekistan?
 - What do you have to do if you want to play "peeball"?
- ARE THESE STATEMENTS **TRUE OR FALSE?** **JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.** (0.5 points per answer)
 - It is easy to be a journalist in Uzbekistan.
 - The Billiard Federation does not agree with the prohibition.
 - Billiards is played only in Uzbekistan.
 - Peeball is popular in Uzbekistan.

(B) USE OF ENGLISH (3 points)

- Find in the text one **synonym** for PERMIT (verb). (0.25 points)
And one **opposite** for FAILURE (noun). (0.25 points)
- Find in the text **the word** which has the following definition: (0.25 points)
"make something disappear." (verb).
- Give an adjective with the same root as REASON (noun). (0.25 points)
- Turn the following sentence into the **passive voice**: (0.5 points)
They can sell alcohol in pubs.
- Use the words in the box to make a **meaningful sentence**. (0.5 points)
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- Turn the following sentence into **reported speech**: (0.5 points)
The spokesman said: "I can't understand why billiards has been prohibited."
- Give a question for the **underlined** words. (0.5 points)
The balls cost one pound.

(C) PRODUCTION (3 points)

- WRITE A **COMPOSITION (80-100 WORDS)**. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. **SPECIFY YOUR OPTION**.
 - Are prohibitions necessary? Why?
 - Would you like to cooperate with a Non-Governmental Organization?