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Directions: Read the passage and answer the following questions.
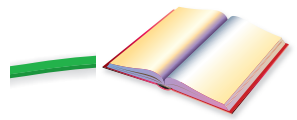
# Checkers

The familiar board game of <u>checkers also called "draughts"</u> (1) <u>has its roots in</u> (2) some of the world's oldest games. This simple but strategic game for two players challenges each player to capture the opponent's playing pieces. Capturing all the opponent's pieces, or ensuring that the opponent cannot make a <u>permit</u> (3) move, ends the game. While the rules of the game are straightforward, <u>master</u> (4) its complexities takes patience and time.

The game's lengthy history began in the distant past. Games similar to checkers, involving capturing different-colored pieces on a board, were played in Egypt as early as 1600 BC. However, checkers in its modern form <u>began</u> (5) to take shape in the 12th century AD. In the popular game of backgammon, <u>simple round playing pieces were used.</u> (6) These round pieces were combined with the 64-square board used for chess to create the game of checkers. In the 16th century, a new rule was added to the game, <u>it required</u> (7) a player to capture the opponent's pieces whenever possible.

With the addition of this rule, the modern game of draughts, or checkers, was born. The first books on its strategy appeared <u>by the 18th century;</u> (8) and the game became a <u>familiar</u> (9) part of childhood play. The pieces were easy to make from <u>whatever improvised materials were on hand</u> (10), from painted wood to slices of dried corncob. Beginning in the 19th century, machine-made checkers sets took the place of handmade ones. More recently, wooden checkers commonly have been replaced by less expensive plastic.

Today, <u>checkers tournaments are participated in by serious players,</u> (11) testing their abilities against other enthusiasts. Computer programmers have written programs that can challenge the best <u>players, in</u> (12) 1994, the Chinook checker-playing computer program became the first program to win a human world championship. Computer programs also provide a modern way for players to enjoy this <u>old</u> (13) game without needing a human opponent.

**1**

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Which choices for underlined phrase 1 correctly indicate a pause? Select **two** correct answers.

**A** checkers also called "draughts,"

**B** checkers, also called "draughts,"

**C** checkers: also called "draughts"

**D** checkers; also called "draughts,"

**E** checkers—also called "draughts"—

**2**

WR923234831_4

Which could **best** replace underlined phrase 2?

**A** influences

**B** duplicated

**C** attracts players of

**D** was developed from

**3**

WR923234196_3

Which is the **best** choice for underlined word 3?

**A** NO CHANGE

**B** permitting

**C** permissible

**D** permission

**4**

WR923236323_3,2

Which choices correctly replace underlined word 4? Select **two** correct answers.

**A** masters

**B** mastering

**C** to master

**D** you master

**E** for mastering

**5**

WR923234069_1

Which is the **best** choice for underlined phrase 5?

**A** NO CHANGE

**B** beginning

**C** would begin

**D** were to begin

**GO ON▶**

**6**

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**Directions:** Enter your answer in the space provided.

Rewrite underlined phrase 6 using active voice.

**7**

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Which is the **best** choice for underlined phrase 7?

**A** NO CHANGE

**B** requiring

**C** you required

**D** it was to require

**8**

WR923233941_3

Which is the **best** choice to indicate a break or pause in underlined phrase 8?

**A** NO CHANGE

**B** by the 18th century:

**C** by the 18th century,

**D** by the 18th century...

**9**

WR923236165_2,1

Which choices are **closest** in meaning and tone to underlined word 9? Select **two** correct answers.

**A** common

**B** ordinary

**C** personal

**D** tiresome

**E** understandable

**10**

WR923234593_1

What does underlined phrase 10 mean?

**A** Any materials that happened to be available

**B** Any materials that would be light and portable

**C** The same materials used when the game was invented

**D** The same materials used by commercial manufacturers

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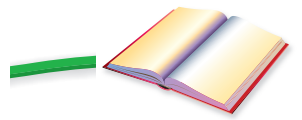
**11**

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**Directions:** Enter your answer in the space provided.

Rewrite underlined phrase 11 so that it is written in the active voice.

**12**

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Which is the **best** choice for underlined phrase 12?

A  NO CHANGE

B  players in

C  players; in

D  players . . . in

**13**

WR923234319_2

Which is the **best** replacement for underlined word 13 to emphasize that the game has a long history?

A  aged

B  ancient

C  elderly

D  experienced

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