**METU NCC Fall 2021**

**SFL**

**Extra Reading**

**ELEMENTARY GROUP**

**(Student’s Copy)**

**Text I. Read the text and answer the questions that follow.**

1Mont Juic is a hill1 in Barcelona. **It** is a natural hill, and it includes some major tourist attractions of Barcelona, like the Mont Juic Castle. Nowadays, the hill is a touristic magnet for Barcelona. There are a lot of things to do on Mont Juic, so you should visit it on your trip to Barcelona.

2 Travelling to Mont Juic is a fun activity itself. There are three ways of reaching Mont Juic. The first is by Mont Juic’s Cable Car. This ride takes you directly to the castle of Mont Juic with beautiful views of Barcelona. The second option is using Barcelona’s Port Cable Car. This cable car system is almost a hundred years old, and it is located in Barceloneta. The journey takes around ten minutes, and it is the fastest way to get to the hill from Barceloneta Beach. At 70 meters high, you can enjoy the wonderful view from the cable car. Thirdly, you can take the funicular (a railway on a mountainside). It’s the fastest and easiest way to get to Mont Juic when you are travelling by Metro. The funicular ride takes less than five minutes from Parallel metro station.

3 The most famous attraction on Mont Juic is the Mont Juic Castle. This castle has a long history. You can take a tour in the castle and learn about **its** history. Upstairs, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the Barcelona harbour. In the castle, there is an open-air cafe as well as restrooms. Tickets for the castle are not expensive, and entrance is free every Sunday after 15:00.

4 Mont Juic is a very large place to explore, and you need to walk up the hill to see all the attractions. As you walk along Santa Madrona Avenue, one of the main streets of the hill, you can take a break for lunch. There are a lot of specialties2 in Spanish cuisine (style of cooking). This makes it famous around the world. After a hard walk up the hill, you can go to the restaurant La Font del Gat. Here you can enjoy some real Spanish food in a real Spanish atmosphere.

5 Visitors can enjoy an open-air museum called Poble Espanyol, or Spanish Village. It is one of the most popular visitor attractions in Barcelona. It is open 365 days a year, and it is suitable for children. This museum is just like an actual village with replicas (copies) of 117 buildings from different Spanish regions. The village is also a unique place to shop. There are more than 20 crafts workshops that are open every day. Inside the shops, craftspeople work on pottery, glass, leather and jewellery. You can go in and watch **them** at work. There is also a large and empty area called the Fiesta Space. Visitors can join Spanish and Catalan festivals **there** at certain times of the year. Some of these festivals are the festival of San Fermin, La Patum, the Tomatina festival and the Holy Week.

6 Finally, in the evening, before you leave Mont Juic, you can visit the Magic Fountain as you walk down. This famous fountain on the Maria Christina Avenue3 is a "must see" when you come to Mont Juic. This fountain is best known for its sound-and-light shows at around nine in the evening. Around 150.000 litres of water flow through the fountain's pools every minute, and this water dances to the music with changing colourful lights.

**A. What do the following refer to?**

1. it (para. 1) : \_\_\_\_\_\_Mont Juic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. its (para. 3) : Castle’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. them (para. 5) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. there (para. 5) : \_\_\_\_\_The Festia Space\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Answer the following questions according to the information in the text.**

1. What method of transport is the fastest from Parallel metro station to Mont Juic?

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2. When can people enter the Mont Juic Castle without paying money?

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3. Why is Spanish cuisine famous?

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4. Paragraph 5 is mainly about \_\_\_\_a\_\_\_.

a) the kinds of shops at Poble Espanyol

b) the famous festivals at Poble Espanyol

c) different activities at Poble Espanyol

5. Where is the Magic Fountain on Mont Juic?

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**Text II. Read the text and answer the questions that follow.**

**1** Orienteering is a great sport and leisure activity for nature lovers. In this sport, people go from one place to another in a natural area by using navigational tools, such as a map and a compass1. Orienteering started in the late 1800s as a competition for the members of the Swedish army. Members of the public soon joined the fun, and the sport has expanded throughout the world. That is, the sport has reached more people. Today, it is especially popular in Scandinavian countries, but it is possible to see it in many other countries with common characteristics.

**2** In orienteering, participants navigate – find their way – by using a series of control points2 along the way. The route, or direction, from one control point to the next isn’t marked. That is, participants do not know the correct route. They find the correct route on the run (or walk). They use their navigational tools and navigational skills to decide on the best route. In competitions, there are different tracks – roads in the shape of a circle – with different lengths and difficulties, from beginner to advanced. In advanced levels, bigger and more complicated tracks increase the level of difficulty for the participants.

**3** In a typical orienteering event, participants start the first day at the registration area. They register by signing a document, choosing a track and paying a fee. Afterwards, they line up in front of the start line for their track. A local competition typically has three to seven tracks with different characteristics. Orienteers on different tracks often start at the same time. However, orienteers on the same track start at different times. Thanks to this rule, it never gets too crowded on a track.

**4** When the participants hear their start signal, they start exploring the area by using their maps and compasses. They see the control points on their maps and find **them** in the area. They record their visits electronically in these control areas. To do that, orienteers wear a small electronic device called an e-punch on their index finger and put it in the control unit. In this way, they can record their visit electronically. Orienteers choose their route from one control point to the next. The finish area is located near the start area. At the download station next to the finish area, participants can take a print-out of the overall time of their activity.

**5** There are many orienteering clubs around the world. They provide training and organize competitions. The clubs are perfect places to start. The national organization called “[Orienteering USA](http://www.us.orienteering.org/)”, for example, offers well-organized tracks for beginners, and publishes articles on its website to help newcomers learn about the sport. Clubs also publish an online calendar of competitions. On specific days,they offer on-the-spot registration and newcomer instruction. This means participants can walk up and try out a beginner track without much preparation. The websites of local orienteering clubs include information about orienteering tracks and events in their areas.

**6**  An appealing – attractive – aspect of orienteering is the cost: It is an economical sport. Participants don’t have to buy special equipment and clothing to do it. They only need running shoes and suitable outdoor clothes for a one-day event. Participants don’t need to bring a map because maps are provided at every event. However, for multi-day events, participants need some more equipment. It is always best to check the website of the competition before the event. **It** can give you a list of the necessary equipment.

**7** Orienteering is a great way of exercising and improving navigational skills at the same time. There is a lot of support from local or national clubs for people who would like to try this activity. If you are interested in navigation, too, it is worth trying.

**A. What do the following refer to?**

1. them (para. 4) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. it (para. 6) : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Find words in the same paragraph that mean the following. Write ONE word for each blank. DO NOT CHANGE THE FORM OF THE WORDS.**

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**C. Answer the following questions according to the information in the text.**

1. Who were the participants of the first orienteering competition in the world?

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2. What is needed to find the best route in orienteering?

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3. Why is it more difficult to find the route in advanced levels of orienteering?

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4. What is para. 3 mainly about?

a) the rules about the orienteering tracks

b) the beginning of a typical orienteering activity

c) the characteristics of different tracks

5. Why do participants wear an e-punch?

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6. How does Orienteering USA help new orienteers?

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7. Where can people learn about the orienteering tracks and events in their areas?

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8. What does a participant have to buy for a one-day orienteering activity?

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