

ANGLIČTINA B1 (≈ 30 minút)

Read the text and decide, whether the statements are true (T), false (F) or the information is not stated (NS).

The pilot was alone in the desert after his plane broke down. He had very little water and felt tired and worried. Early in the morning, he was woken by a quiet voice asking him to draw a sheep.

The pilot was very surprised. When he looked around, he saw a small boy standing near him. The boy looked calm and serious, and he did not seem lost or afraid at all. The pilot asked the boy what he was doing in the desert, but the boy only repeated his request.

The pilot explained that he could not draw very well, but the boy did not seem to mind. The pilot drew a sheep, but the boy shook his head. The next drawing was also not right. One sheep looked sick, another looked too old. None of the drawings made the boy happy.

At last, the pilot drew a simple box. He told the boy that the sheep was inside the box. This time, the boy smiled. He said quietly, "That is exactly what I wanted."

The boy then asked if the sheep would need a lot of grass, because his home was very small. The pilot answered that the sheep was small too, so it would be fine. The boy looked closely at the picture and said that the sheep had fallen asleep.

The pilot watched the boy and felt surprised by his happiness. The box was simple, but it was enough. The boy explained that at night the box would be the sheep's house.

The pilot looked at the small boy standing in the desert and knew that this meeting was something special. He would not be the same as before.

- 1. The pilot is worried because repairing the plane is the only way to survive.**
- 2. The desert is described as noisy and full of movement in the morning.**
- 3. The boy seems unaffected by the dangerous situation in the desert.**
- 4. The pilot immediately understands why the boy wants a sheep.**
- 5. The boy rejects the drawings because he wants a perfect, realistic picture.**
- 6. The pilot draws the box mainly because he wants to save time.**
- 7. The boy believes that imagination can replace real objects.**
- 8. The boy's question about grass shows that he is thinking about the future.**
- 9. The pilot met many strange people before this moment.**
- 10. The pilot feels emotionally changed by the meeting with the boy.**

Read the text and choose the correct answer.

My parents have always loved tennis and they're members of a tennis club. My older brother was really good at it and they supported him – taking him to lessons all the time. So I guess when I announced that I wanted to be a tennis champion when I grew up I just intended for them to notice me. My mother laughed. She knew I couldn't possibly be serious, I was just a 4-year-old kid!

Later, I joined the club's junior coaching group and eventually took part in my first proper contest, confident that my team would do well. We won, which was fantastic, but I wasn't so successful. I didn't even want to be in the team photo because I didn't feel I deserved to be. When my coach asked what happened in my final match, I didn't know what to say. I couldn't believe I'd lost – I knew I was the better player. But every time I attacked, the other player defended brilliantly. I couldn't explain the result.

After that, I decided to listen more carefully to my coach because he had lots of tips. I realised that you need the right attitude to be a winner. On court I have a plan but sometimes the other guy will do something unexpected so I'll change it. If I lose a point, I do my best to forget it and find a way to win the next one.

At tournaments, it's impossible to avoid players who explode in anger. Lots of players can be negative – including myself sometimes. Once I got so angry that I nearly broke my racket! But my coach has helped me develop ways to control those feelings. After all, the judges have a hard job and you just have to accept their decisions.

My coach demands that I train in the gym to make sure I'm strong right to the end of a tournament. I'm getting good results: my shots are more accurate and I'm beginning to realise that with hard work there's a chance that I could be a champion one day.

1. Harry thinks he said that he was going to be a tennis champion in order to

- A please his parents.
- B get some attention.
- C annoy his older brother.
- D persuade people that he was serious.

2. How did Harry feel after his first important competition?

- A confused about his defeat.
- B proud to be a member of the winning team.
- C ashamed of the way he treated another player.
- D amazed that he had got so far in the tournament.

3. What does Harry try to remember when he's on the court?

- A Don't let the other player surprise you.
- B Follow your game plan.
- C Respect the other player.
- D Don't keep thinking about your mistakes.

4. What does Harry say about his behaviour in tournaments?

- A He broke his racket once when he was angry.
- B He stays away from players who behave badly.
- C He tries to keep calm during the game.
- D He found it difficult to deal with one judge's decisions.

5. What might a sports journalist write about Harry now?

- A Harry needs to believe in his own abilities and stop depending on good luck when he plays.
- B Harry has really grown up since his first tournament and discovered that tennis is a battle of minds not just rackets.
- C Harry looked exhausted when he finished his last match so maybe he should think about working out.
- D Harry could be a great player but he needs to find a coach to take him all the way to the big competitions.