# • Read the following Passage (number 1) and answer questions I, II and III.

On a cold spring afternoon, while walking home from school, I detoured through the playground at the end of the alley. I saw a group of old men, two seated across a folding table playing a game of chess, others smoking pipes, eating peanuts, and watching. I ran home and grabbed **Vincent**'s chess set, which was **bound** in a cardboard box with rubber bands, I also carefully selected two prized rolls of **life savers**. I came back to the park and approached a man who was **observing** the game.

"Want to play?" I asked him. His face widened with surprise and he **grinned** as he looked at the box under my arm. "Little sister, been a long time since I play with dolls," he said, smiling benevolently. I quickly put the box down next to him on the bench and displayed my **retort**.

Lau Po, as he allowed me to call him, turned out to be a much better player than my brothers. I lost many games and many **life savers**. But over the weeks, with each **diminishing** role of candies, I added new secrets. Lau Po gave me the names. The humble servant who kills the king and more.

There were also the fine points of chess **etiquette**. Keep **captured men** in neat rows, as **well-tended** prisoners. Never announce "Check" with **vanity**, lest someone with an unseen sword **slit** your throat. By the end of the summer, Lau Po had taught me all he knew, and I had become a better chess player.

A small weekend crowd of Chinese people and tourists would gather as I played and **defeated** my **opponents** one by one. My mother would join crowds during these outdoors exhibition games. She sat proudly on that bench, telling my admirers with proper Chinese humility, "is luck".

A man who watched me play in the park suggested that my mother allow me to play in local chess tournaments. My mother smiled graciously, an answer that meant nothing. I desperately wanted to go, but I **bit back my tongue**. I know she would not let me play among strangers. So as we walked home I said in a small voice that I didn't want to play in the local tournament. They would have American rules. If I lost, I would bring shame on my family.

During my first tournament, my mother sat with me in the front row as I waited for my turn. I frequently bounced my legs to unstick them from the cold metal seat of the folding chair. When my name was called, I **leapt** up. My mother unwrapped something in her lap. It was her *chang*, a small tablet of red **jade** which held the sun's fire. "is luck," she whispered, and tucked it into my dress pocket. I turned to my opponent, a fifteen-year-old boy from Oakland.

As I began to play, the boy disappeared, the color ran out of the room, and I saw only my white pieces and his black ones waiting on the other side. "Blow from the South," it **murmured**. "The wind leaves no trail." I saw a clear path, the traps to **avoid**. The wind blew stronger. "Throw sand from the East to **distract** him. "Check," I said.

### I - Choose the correct answer.

1- When the boy detoured through the playground at the end of the ally, he saw a couple of ......:

| a.     | old men              | b. young boys | c. old women | d. children |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2- The | name of the narrator | 's brother is |              |             |
| a.     | Jack                 | b. Vincent    | c. Lau Po    | d. Stan     |

| 3- The boy ran home to grab his brother's                                    |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| a. table   | b. chess set                                  | c. cardboard      | d. ball          |  |  |  |  |
| 4- The boy played chess in the park against a man called                     |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Stan  | b. Vincent                                    | c. Lau Po         | d. Lau Bo        |  |  |  |  |
| 5- When a player takes an opponent's playing piece, that piece is called a : |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. check   | b. man  | c. captured man   | d. falling man   |  |  |  |  |
| 6- By the end of, Lau Po taught the boy all he knew.                         |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Winter  | b. Spring                                     | c. Summer         | d. Autumn        |  |  |  |  |
| 7- The boy didn't want to play in the local tournament because they have     |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Spanish rules   | b. Asian rules                                | c. American rules | d. Chinese rules |  |  |  |  |
| 8- The boy's mother used her chang to give him                               |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. bad luck  | b. luck                                       | c. money          | d. magic         |  |  |  |  |
| 9- The meaning of the word <i>slit</i> is                                    |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. cut   | b. burn                                       | c. kill           | d. harm          |  |  |  |  |
| 10- The word <i>diminish</i> means to  |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. make less   | b. increase                                   | c. cut            | d. avoid         |  |  |  |  |
| 11- Chang is considered a small tablet of                                    |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| a. rock  | b. red jade                                   | c. medicine       | d. water         |  |  |  |  |
| 12- The synonym of the word <i>opponent</i> is                               |   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |
| 12- The synonym of   | f the word <i>opponent</i> is                 | 5                 |                  |  |  |  |  |
| 12- The synonym of<br>a. friend  | f the word <i>opponent</i> is<br>b. colleague | c. challenger     | d. oppression    |  |  |  |  |
| a. friend  |   | c. challenger     | d. oppression    |  |  |  |  |

# • Read the following Passage (number 2) and answer questions I, II and III.

The game of basketball is enjoyed by many people around the world. It is perhaps the most popular indoor sport in the United States. The object of the game is to **score** points by shooting a ball through a **hoop**. The game is played by two teams, each consisting of 12 players and a coach, with five players from each team on the court at any one time.

In the past, people with **disabilities** were not able to play basketball, but in the late 1930s, **modifications** were made to the game so that **paraplegics** could play as well. Most paraplegics **depend** on **wheelchairs to** be able to move around. Since paraplegics still have use of their arms, they are able to go up and down the length of the basketball court in their wheelchairs and shoot baskets.

In ordinary basketball, the ball can be moved by "**passing**" it from one player to another, or by "**dribbling**" in which the player bounces the ball as she or he moves. The ball may not be held for more than one **pace**.

Another modification of the rules of ordinary basketball involves lane violation. A Player with the ball is ordinarily allowed to stay in the dark, rectangle-shaped lane in front of the basket for only three seconds. In Wheelchair basketball, players are given an extra second. This extra second gives them a little more time to move around other wheelchairs. If a player stays in the lane for more than four seconds, she or he incurs a lane violation and the ball is given to the other team.

Other violations include the out-of-bounds violation and a physical advantage violation. In an out-of-bounds violation, a player's wheelchair touches the **boundary** lines around the outside of the basketball court. A physical advantage violation is one in which a player rises from his or her chair. In this case, the opposing team is **awarded** two free throws.

The rear wheels are about the size of a bicycle's wheels, and there are one or two small front
wheels called casters. Basketball wheelchairs are made from materials that are lightweight
but strong. Because they are specially designed, they can be quite expensive.

The game of wheelchair basketball can be exciting to watch. Since they use their upper bodies so much, wheelchair basketball players often develop into powerful shooters, and they are capable of some amazing shots.

### I – Put (T) if the following sentences are True or (F) if False.

### **III** - Choose the correct answer.

1- Most paraplegics depend on ..... to be able to move around.

a. carsb. chairsc. wheelchairsd. ankle supporters2- When you break a rule, you ......it.a. takeb. violatec. dod. read3- When you make a physical advantage violation, the opposing team is awarded ...... free throws.a. fourb. twoc. oned. three4- People with disabilities were not able to play basketball before the late ......

a. 1940s b. 1930s c. 1950s d. 1030s