

COMPREHENSION

Read the article below then answer the questions

The BBC (British Broadcasting Company) was founded in 1922 when it began its radio transmissions to the public. In 1932 the BBC's television services started. It is now one of the biggest broadcasting companies in the world.

It has two main channels in the UK, BBC One and BBC Two , with BBC Three, BBC Four, two children's channels and BBC News 24 on digital TV . It has five national radio stations, and many regional ones too.

On an international level, the BBC has a news and current affairs channel, BBC World, and BBC Prime, a subscription channel for general entertainment.

The bbc.co.uk website has information on the latest news, sports, music and technology, as well as many other sections such as health, food and entertainment.

There is also a special site for children, with chat rooms, quizzes and homework help.



CNN (Cable News Network) was founded in 1980 by Ted Turner, an American media mogul. It broadcasts news 24/7 from its headquarters in Atlanta, and studios in New York and Washington.

In the USA, it is available in about 90 million homes and 900,000 hotel rooms and is considered to be America's number one cable news source. It is famous for being the first on the scene of major national and international news events.

The international version, CNN international, is available by cable or satellite in more than 200 countries.

CNN.com has constantly updated news reports from across the world, reports on business, technology, sport and travel, as well as popular blogs.

A. Answer the questions from the articles:

3 PNTS

1. What does 'BBC' stand for?
2. How many years did it take to start the BBC TV broadcasting?.....
3. What does CNN mean?.....
4. Who was the founder of the CNN?
5. Why is the CNN considered to be number one in news broadcasting in the USA?
.....
6. Which do you think is more popular the BBC or the CNN?

B. Write TRUE or FALSE and justify your answers for each sentence from the text:

2 PNTS

1. The BBC has five international radio stations. -----
.....
2. More than 100 countries can watch the CNN international.-----
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GRAMMAR

3 PNTS

C. Complete with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets:

1. I'm looking forward to ----- (hear) form you ASAP.
2. Peter decided ----- (change) his life style.
3. My dad is a businessman. He is busy all the time and he isn't interested in ----- (watch) football games.
4. Tim hates -----(talk) about his friend's privacies.
5. Hurry up! It begins ----- (rain)
6. I'm fed up with ----- (drive) in this hectic and stressful city. I've had enough!

D. Complete with: 'everywhere' 'no one' 'anyone' 'something' 2 PNTS

1. ----- lives in planet Mars.
2. I lost my keys. I looked for them ----- but in vain.
3. Do you know ----- who can fix my laptop?
4. We all tried to solve the puzzle but we couldn't because ----- was missing.

E. Fill in with the correct form of would like or like 3 PNTS

1. A: What kind of sports ----- you ----- (play)?
B: Football and tennis
2. A: Hi sir, ----- you -----(drink) some tea?
B: Yes please.
3. A: Why did you buy all these brushes?
B: Because I ----- (paint). I'm a painter.

VOCABULARY

2 PNTS

F. Complete with the correct words from the box:

numbers *decision* *mind* *information*

1. You should think carefully before you take any -----
2. Never ----- , don't listen to what the say. It's only rumour and chit-chat.
3. I want to be an accountant in the future because I like working with -----
4. Our college gives courses in Maths, Physics and ----- Technology. Apply if you want to attend.

5 PNTS

WRITING

Your friend wrote you an e-mail and asked you to give him some advice to improve his English.

E-mail him back and try to help him. Use the hints below to help you.

Hints:

- Respect the e-mail form and the writing style.
- Write short and clear sentences and support your ideas with good arguments.
- Give highly importance to spelling and punctuation.