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TOPIC: READING COMPREHENSION

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Chess is called the game of kings. It has been around for a long time. People have been playing it for over 500 years. Chess is based on an even older game from India. The chess we play today is from Europe.

Chess is a two-player game. One player uses the white pieces while the other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game ends when a player loses his or her king. It is possible to checkmate your opponent in just two moves. There are a few more rules, but these are the basics.

Some people think that chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next. These skills are useful in life and in chess. Chess is a kind of workout for the mind. You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess.

There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. In blitz chess, each player gets ten minutes to use for the whole game. Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the time clock after your move. This stops your clock. It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast-paced.

Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since the 1970s. At first they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time. It was a computer called Deep Blue. Deep Blue was big and it took up a whole room. By 2006 a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess sure has come a long way.

Viswanathan Anand became the first Indian Grandmaster in 1988. Garry Kasparov was the youngest world chess champion (at 22 years of age) and the first world chess champion to be defeated by a supercomputer in a competitive match.

A. Tick the correct option to complete the following sentences.

1. People have been playing chess for _____
 - a. over 100 years
 - b. over 500 years
 - c. over 1000 years
 - d. over 5000 years

2. The game that chess is based on came from _____
 - a. Europe
 - b. America
 - c. India
 - d. All of these

3. The author's purpose in writing the second paragraph is _____
 - a. to explain the rules of chess
 - b. to compare different types of games
 - c. to talk about game pieces
 - d. to persuade people to play chess

B. Answer the following questions.

1. How is blitz chess different from regular chess?

Ans. _____

2. How does a game of chess end according to the text?

Ans. _____

3. Who could beat the best player in the world in the year 1997?

Ans. _____

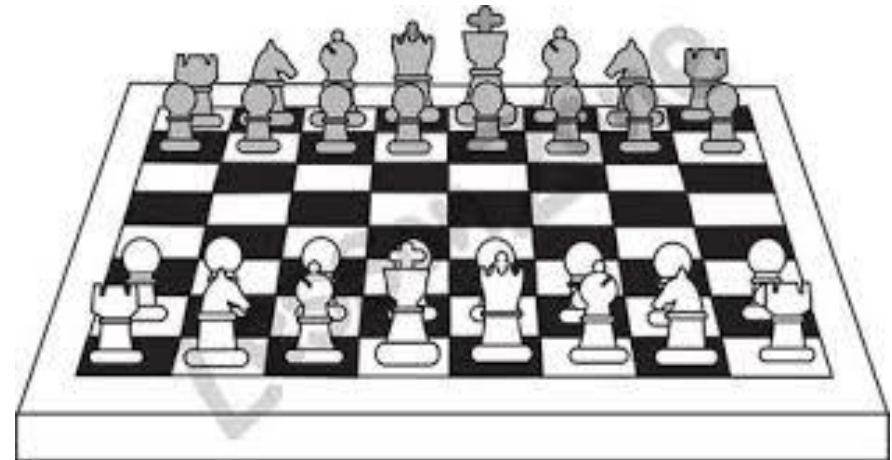
4. Who was the first Indian grandmaster?

Ans. _____

C. Give a word from the passage which means the same as:

1. Someone who competes with another person in a game, contest or argument- _____

2. moving or developing very quickly- _____



“Reading without reflection is like eating without digesting.”

Edmund Burke