

PART 1 READING COMPREHENSION The Brazilian Icon

Pelé, the Brazilian athlete who is considered by many the best football player of all times, was born Edson Arantes do Nascimento on October 23, 1940, and died on December 29, 2022, aged 82, losing his battle with cancer. He once said that he didn't like his nickname and preferred his real name Edson, which resembles the surname of Thomas Edison, as he admired the famous American inventor.

Also called *the King of Soccer* or *Pérola Negra* (Black Pearl), the legendary forward made his international debut in 1957 and retired in 1977. His career, during which he scored more than 1000 goals (12 in the World Cup games), made him a Brazilian national hero, well-known for his spectacular goals, kicking power and radiant smile.

In addition to his sports accomplishments, he took part in TV series and documentaries, composed several musical pieces, wrote many books and appeared in important films, such as *Escape to Victory* (1981), directed by John Huston and starring Sylvester Stallone, Max von Sydow, Michael Caine as well as professional footballers like Bobby Moore. The film, set in a German prison camp during the Second World War, centres on a football match held in occupied France between the German team and the Allied prisoners, who in the end manage to escape thanks to the sympathising crowd. In a scene Pelé performs the athletic bicycle kick, also called scissor kick, the incredible and amazing overhead kick that he made popular but didn't actually always scored with it.

His immortal status is also due to the following facts about his life:

- Pelé was awarded many prizes, among which the International Peace Award in 1978;
- He was Brazil's Minister of Sports for three years between 1995 and 1998;
- He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997 for his humanitarian work;
- In 2014 the Pelé Museum was dedicated to him in Santos, Brazil;
- He was UNESCO Champion for Sport and a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF;
- Pelé and the South African President Nelson Mandela were close friends.

1. True or false? Write T or F.

- a. Pelé is the footballer's real name.
- b. He died of cancer at 82.
- c. He is also known as the Black Pearl.
- d. In his World Cup career he scored 12 goals.
- e. He starred in a sports war film with Stallone.
- f. Pelé didn't like Nelson Mandela.

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2. Read the text again and circle the correct answer.

- 1. Pelé was a Brazilian legendary:
 - a. goalkeeper.
 - b. defender.
 - c. attacker.
- 2. His sports career ended:
 - a. in 1977.
 - b. in 1981.
 - c. in 2022.
- 3. The bicycle kick...
 - a. needs scissors to be performed.
 - b. was invented by Pelé.
 - c. is a spectacular overhead kick.
- 4. *Escape to Victory* deals with a football match...
 - a. between two teams of professional footballers.
 - b. between the Germans and the French.
 - c. between the Germans and war prisoners.

5. Queen Elizabeth II knighted him for:

- a. his spectacular goals.
- b. his philanthropic activity.
- c. his famous bicycle kick.

6. He was awarded:

- a. the UNESCO Champion for Sport Award.
- b. the International Peace Award.
- c. the National Hero Award.

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3. Answer the following question using your own words: "What made Pelé an immortal icon?"

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PART 2 GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

1. He's a doctor and wife is a teacher.

- A) his
- B) her
- C) she
- D) him

2. Send some flowers for her birthday.

- A) her
- B) she
- C) hers
- D) herself

3.

- A) John's brother is called Tom.
- B) The John's brother is called Tom.
- C) The brother's John is called Tom.
- D) John brother is called Tom.

4.

- A) How do you spell this word?
- B) How does you spell this word?
- C) How you spell this word?
- D) How you spells this word?

5.

- A) I have breakfast at 11.00 on Sundays.
- B) I have breakfast on 11.00 on Sundays.
- C) I have breakfast on 11.00 at Sundays.
- D) I have breakfast at 9.00 at Sundays.

6.

- A) Who's your favourite actor?
- B) Whose your favourite actor?
- C) What's your favourite actor?
- D) Which is your favourite actor?

7. I haven't got pet.

- A) some
- B) any
- C) enough
- D) much

8. Can I have cake, please?

- A) many
- B) any
- C) too much
- D) some

9.

- A) I didn't do my homework yet.
- B) I haven't already done my homework.
- C) I didn't already do my homework.
- D) I haven't done my homework yet.

10. I to London last weekend.

- A) didn't go
- B) doesn't go
- C) didn't went
- D) don't go

11. This car is because it isn't new.

- A) more cheap
- B) more expensive
- C) cheaper
- D) the most expensive

12. This hotel is in town.

- A) the baddest
- B) the worst
- C) the most bad
- D) worst

13.

- A) What does this word mean?
- B) What is this word mean?
- C) What do this word mean?
- D) What this word means?

14.

- A) What happen at the party?
- B) What happened at the party?
- C) What did it happen at the party?
- D) What happen in the party?

15. I jeans but today I'm wearing a skirt

- A) usually wear
- B) never wear
- C) wear usually
- D) wear never

16. How people are there in your family?

- A) much
- B) did
- C) do
- D) many

17. Yesterday afternoon I in the park when I Jane.

- A) walked/saw
- B) walked/was seeing
- C) was walking/saw
- D) was walking/was seeing

18. This ancient town by the Romans.

- A) is built
- B) was builded
- C) was build
- D) was built

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