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1  What can you infer from the fact that the winners of the ancient Olympics received olive branches?

- A** Gold, silver, and bronze hadn't been discovered yet
- B** Ancient Greece was an extremely poor society
- C** Ancient athletes competed for the honor of victory, not money
- D** Olive leaves were a form of currency in Ancient Greece

2 Place the following in sequence: **A) Chariot racing becomes an event; B) The Romans make slaves fight animals; C) The Olympics are outlawed**

- A** A, B, C
- B** B, C, A
- C** A, C, B
- D** C, A, B

3 Which of these modern Olympic events was also part of the ancient Olympics?

- A** Decathlon
- B** Boxing
- C** Bobsled
- D** Gymnastics

4 How many years passed between the end of the ancient Olympics and the beginning of the modern Olympics?

- A** 100 years
- B** 500 years
- C** 1,000 years
- D** 1,500 years

5 Why were the first modern Olympics held in Athens, Greece?

- A** To honor the spirit of the ancient Olympics
- B** They were sponsored by the Greek government
- C** Aquatic events could be easily held along the Greek coastline
- D** The mountainous terrain made skiing and bobsled events easy to hold

6 Which of these statements is an opinion about the Olympics?

- A** Sprinters have gotten faster over the past 100 years
- B** Female athletes don't compete as hard as male athletes
- C** The Winter Olympics is a more recent invention than the Summer Olympics
- D** The first modern Olympics were held in 1896

7 The Olympic rings stand for concordance between nations. In this sentence, what does "concordance" mean?

- A** Conflict
- B** Similarity
- C** Harmony
- D** Differences

8 How did slaves fighting animals cheapen the spirit of the Olympics?

- A** The animals always won, so the contests weren't fair
- B** In the ancient world, animals were not considered athletic
- C** The animals could not truly enjoy the medals or the thrill of victory
- D** It provided violence and spectacle, not honorable competition

9 What can you infer from the fact that Olympic events have changed over the years?

- A** The first Olympic organizing committee had very little money
- B** Very few sports had been invented in 1896
- C** Popular taste in sport changes over time
- D** The spirit of the Olympics has been cheapened by modern events

10 The last event at the Olympic Games is always the men's marathon race. What can you conclude from this?

- A** The men's marathon is the most important event of the Olympics
- B** This traditional event is a tribute to the ancient Olympics
- C** Women are allowed to compete in very few events
- D** More athletes compete in the men's marathon than in any other event