

Sepak Takraw



Read the passage below very carefully and then fill in each blank with the most suitable word from the list of options provided. You will not need to use all of the words provided. DO NOT USE ANY OF THE OPTIONS MORE THAN ONCE.

played	resort	combination	initially	certain
added	taken	debate	separated	compilation
regardless	fixed	objective	quarrel	probably

Sepak Takraw is an international sport. There is a (1) _____ about where it originated with evidence of the game being played as far back as the 11th century in places like Laos and Indonesia. (2) _____ of where it started, Sepak Takraw is now played as far as Europe.

When Sepak Takraw first began, there were no (3) _____ rules. Although the first rules for a Sepak Takraw competition were set in the 19th century in Thailand, more unified rules were only established in the 1960s. (4) _____, the rules of the game were simple. The players from opposing teams stood in a circle and the (5) _____ was to keep the ball in the air as long as possible using all parts of the body except the arms and hands.

It was only when the game was played in inter-state competitions in several countries such as Malaysia were more rules (6) _____. A net was included which (7) _____ the players into two distinct teams. Today, three players form a team. Each player hits the ball once when it is on his side of the court. Very often, the players have to (8) _____ to acrobatic moves to get the rattan ball across the net. This makes the game very exciting for the spectators. Some people have likened Sepak Takraw to be a (9) _____ of volleyball, football, gymnastics and even martial arts.

Most people would have heard of Sepak Takraw no matter where they live. They may have (10) _____ the game before or have watched others play it. This is an inexpensive yet highly enjoyable sport.

Answers:
 1. debate 2. Regardless 3. fixed 4. Initially 5. objective 6. added 7. separated 8. resort 9. combination 10. played