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Read the passage and complete the exercise using information from the text unless otherwise stated. Give complete sentences for questions marked with \*. ONE mark for each answer unless otherwise stated.

1. You are Chris Wong, one of the students at Kowloon School and the school newsletter reporter. You have decided to prepare a fact sheet on Ma Lin. (4 marks)

| Year        |   |
|-------------|---|
| 1980        | Ma Lin was <u>born</u> ..                 |
| <u>1986</u> | He started learning to play table tennis. |
| <u>1994</u> | He won his first national championship.   |
| <u>2014</u> | He retired.                               |

2. Paragraphs 8 – 10 are missing from the passage. Please arrange the following paragraphs in the correct sequence. One paragraph has been added as distraction. (3 marks)

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| Paragraph 8 : <u>C</u> | Paragraph 9: <u>B</u> | Paragraph 10: <u>D</u> |
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(A) “I no longer watch table tennis as I cannot bear the thought of myself not playing anymore,” said Ma Lin.

(B) Coach Lee Fa-fa from Creative Primary School agrees. She says table tennis increases students' coordination and flexibility, adding that her students are more focused in class as a result.

(C) Although he retired from playing 13 months ago, he's still heavily involved with the sport. He is currently the director of the Guangdong Table Tennis Centre and head coach of the provincial team. He also spends his time visiting schools and talking to the next generation. Ma says that it is important to drum up interest if table tennis is to have a bright future. But he also says getting involved in sport will help students in other ways.

(D) During his visit, Ma played with students and teachers. David Lau and Charles Wong are both on the school team, learned some tricks from the master. But Ma admits he isn't the player he once was. In fact, he says, he's grown fat since retiring.

3. Try to locate expressions with the same meaning as below from paragraphs 1 to 6. (4 marks)

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| a very famous person : <u>legend</u>            | smooth : <u>plain sailing</u>      |
| persons who compete in sports : <u>athletes</u> | spending time : <u>hanging out</u> |

3. Below is the dialogue between Ma Lin and Young Wang the reporter. Complete the missing parts with ONE word for each blank. (12 marks)

*Reporter: How were your childhood years?*

Ma Lin: I did not spend much time at home. I was always training with my teammates and coaches.

*Reporter: Looking back, do you have regrets?*

Ma Lin: No! I owe my whole life to table tennis!

*Reporter: What is your life motto?*

Ma Lin: Never give up! I set my goals and try to achieve them one at a time.

*Reporter: What would you say were the best times of your life?*

Ma Lin: That would be the years when I was winning medals after medals.

*Reporter: It is said that many sportsmen find it hard to make a living after retirement. Do you have the same difficulty?*

Ma Lin: \* No, I don't have such a problem. I am now the director of Guangdong Table Tennis Centre and the head coach of the provincial team. (2 marks for content/ one mark for language) (3 marks)

*Reporter: How can sports help students' studying?*

Ma Lin: They can become more focused!

**\*Extended task**

You are Sammy, one of the students arranged by the school to play with Ma Lin during his visit. Write a blog entry expressing how lucky you felt to have the chance to play with a world champion and commenting on his performance as well. You are to write about 100 words. Pay attention to the genre. (10 marks)