

READING COMPREHENSION

READ THE TEXT THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

APARTHEID

The word Apartheid was an Africaner word meaning “separate”. After the Second World War the white community living in South Africa implemented “Apartheid”, a series of harsh laws that segregated the black community. Black people and white people could not go to the same schools, they could not eat in the same restaurants or live in the same parts of the city. If they were ill, they had to go to separate hospitals, and they could not work together. Black people earned less money, lived in poor houses and had little education.

Nelson Mandela, one of the most important anti-apartheid leaders, joined a political party called African National Congress and helped black people to protest about the situation. In 1964 he was arrested and put in prison on Robbean Island. People in other countries were very angry about Apartheid. They refused to buy South African things in their shops. Pop stars, actors and opera singers refused to perform in South Africa and sports teams refused to go there

In 1990, after a long period of resistance by various anti-apartheid movements Apartheid was abolished. Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years. In 1993 he won the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1994 the first multicultural elections were won by the African National Congress and Mandela became the first black African president of South Africa. He married his third wife on his 80th birthday and he retired from public life when he was 85. He died some time ago.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) What does Apartheid mean?
- 2) When did Apartheid become a system of government?
- 3) Where did Apartheid become a system of government?
- 4) Who was Nelson Mandela?
- 5) Which political party did he join?
- 6) What happened in 1964?
- 7) When did Nelson Mandela win the Nobel Peace Prize?
- 8) What happened in 1994?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What does Apartheid mean?

a. Monarchy	b. Republic	c. separate
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2. When did Apartheid become a system of government?

a. in 1956	b. after the Cold War	c. after World War II
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3. Where did Apartheid become a system of government?

a. in Asia	b. in South Africa	c. in prison
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4. Who was Nelson Mandela?

a a singer	b. a king	c. the leader of the African National Congress
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5. Which political party did he join?

a. African National Congress	b. a African Republic	c. OLP
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6. When was Apartheid abolished?

a. in 2001	b. in 1994	c. in 1990
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7. When did Nelson Mandela win the Nobel Peace Prize?

a. in 1993	b. in 2003	c. in 1984
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8. What happened in 1994?

a. Mandela died	b. a Republic won the elections	c. the African National Congress won the elections
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