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NOTE: Choose option A or B, and answer the questions from 1 to 4. For question 5, you can choose to write the composition that you like best, from either option A or option B.

OPTION A

WE MAY NEVER KNOW HOW MANY MIGRANTS DIED ERECTING THE QATAR WORLD CUP

5 The death of migrant workers erecting infrastructure for Qatar’s World Cup over the past decade once again made headlines earlier this week. In an interview, Hassan al-Thawadi, secretary general of Qatar’s World Cup organizing committee, told British TV presenter Piers Morgan that “around 400, between 400 and 500” migrants died. “I don’t have the exact number. That’s something that’s been discussed,” he said. The estimate is drastically higher than any other that had been offered by Qatari officials.

10 Yet the World Cup committee that al-Thawadi leads swiftly retracted that comment, echoing prior Qatari statements that 37 non-work related migrant deaths and three work-related ones took place from 2014 to 2020. Rights groups have criticized both estimates, which devalue the human tragedy of the tournament.


“Companies are going out of their way to make sure that independent labor inspectors do not find these workers, so they try to hide the treatment of them,” says Mustafa Qadri, founder and executive director of Equidem, a labor rights consultancy reporting on the ground in Qatar. “So if that’s how workers are treated in terms of forced labor, it raises questions around the death [toll] as well.”

15 Did 6,500 migrant workers die erecting the World Cup? In 2021, *The Guardian* reported that at least 6,500 migrant workers died in Qatar since it won the right to host the World Cup a decade ago. However, in an Oct. 15 Twitter thread, Marc Owen Jones, an associate professor at Hamid Bin Khalifa University in Doha, called the headline of the piece misleading and said it was the “MOST RETWEETED article about the Qatar world cup in English,” sharing a summary of tweets in one post.
20 “The 6,500 figure actually refers to all deaths of migrant workers from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, and Bangladesh, regardless of cause,” he said.

Max Tuñón, head of the U.N.’s International Labour Organization (ILO) office in Doha, which carried out a 2021 analysis of data on occupational deaths and injuries in Qatar, says determining the number of deaths is complicated for a number of reasons. (Fragment adapted from *Time*.)

1) BRIEFLY ANSWER ONLY 4 OUT OF THE FOLLOWING 6 QUESTIONS WITH ONLY THE DATA REQUIRED (NOT A WHOLE SENTENCE) (2 POINTS; 0.5 POINTS EACH).

1. Who is Hassan al-Thawadi?
2. What does “that” in line 4 (that’s something) refer to?
3. Whom does “he” refer to in line 5?
4. What have rights groups criticized?
5. Who is the founder of Equidem?
6. What did the ILO do?

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2) ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINES THAT SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER (1 POINT).

1. The estimate of migrant deaths, according to Hassan al-Thawadi, is slightly higher than any other provided by Qatari officials.
2. *The Guardian* said that less than 6,500 migrant workers died in Qatar over the past decade.

3) CHOOSE a OR b, ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (1 POINT).

- a) Estimates of migrant deaths are different depending on the organization or person that speaks on this issue.
- b) According to M. Tuñón, determining the number of deaths is not complicated.

4) VOCABULARY (2 POINTS).

4.1 Choose one of the options below and find one word in the text for its definition (0.6 POINTS):

- a) A conversation between a journalist or radio or television presenter and a person of public interest.
- b) A series of contests between a number of competitors, competing for an overall prize.

4.2 Find a synonym in the text for one of the two words below (0.6 POINTS):


- a) earlier
- b) study

4.3 For one of the following words from the text, give a synonym that fits the meaning of the text (0.8 POINTS):

- a) questions (line 14)
- b) complicated (line 24)

5) WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 120-150 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of team and individual sports.

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OPTION B

HOW PATRIOT MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM COULD CHANGE UKRAINE WAR

The United States is reportedly about to send Patriot missile batteries to Ukraine following Kyiv's repeated requests for more help to shoot down Russia's constant missile attacks. With Washington likely to approve the deal this week, this will be the most advanced surface-to-air missile the U.S. has provided Ukraine, although it has given Kyiv other significant military aid, including High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS.

It comes as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky reiterates his calls to Western leaders for high-tech air defense following Russia's targeting of civilian and energy infrastructure using missiles and Iranian-supplied drones. Once approved, the Patriots are expected to be shipped quickly and Ukrainian forces will be trained to use them at a U.S. base in Grafenwoehr, Germany.


Considered one of the most capable long-range weapons to defend against incoming ballistic and cruise missiles, the Patriots will be able to shoot down Russian missiles and aircraft far from their intended targets inside Ukraine. A ground-based, mobile missile defense interceptor, the Patriot system can detect, track, and engage drones, cruise missiles, and short-range or tactical ballistic missiles, according to the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance (MDAA). The systems have been combat tested in the Middle East during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and have been used to down more than 100 tactical ballistic missiles in combat operations.

The Patriot system consists of a radar set, an engagement control station, missile launchers, as well as Patriot missiles. The radar can detect and track more than 100 targets and has a range of over 65 miles.

Former British military intelligence officer Philip Ingram said the Patriot missile system will be a significant help for Ukraine, not least because of "the psychological effect on the Russians." "It will almost certainly be used to protect major cities such as Kyiv and Lviv and the power facilities around them," he said. (Fragment adapted from *Newsweek*.)

1) BRIEFLY ANSWER ONLY 4 OUT OF THE FOLLOWING 6 QUESTIONS WITH ONLY THE DATA REQUIRED (NOT A WHOLE SENTENCE) (2 POINTS; 0.5 POINTS EACH).

1. What does "it" (line 4) refer to?
2. What does HIMARS mean?
3. What does "his" (line 6) refer to?
4. Which country provided the drones to Russia?
5. Are the Patriots thought to be long-range weapons?
6. Who is Philip Ingram?

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2) ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINES THAT SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER (1 POINT).

1. This is the first time Volodymyr Zelensky asked Western leaders for high-tech air defense.
2. Ukrainian forces will be trained to use the Patriots at a German base.

3) CHOOSE a OR b, ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (1 POINT).

- a) Ukrainian forces are worried that once approved, the Patriots will not be shipped quickly.
- b) According to Philip Ingram, the Patriot missile system will almost certainly be used to protect major cities and the power facilities around them.

4) VOCABULARY (2 POINTS).

4.1 Choose one of the options below and find one word in the text for its definition (0.6 POINTS):

- a) An agreement entered into by two or more parties for their mutual benefit.
- b) The basic physical and organizational structure and facility needed for the operation of a society or enterprise.

4.2 Find a synonym in the text for one of the two words below (0.6 POINTS):

- a) developed
- b) troops

4.3 For one of the following words from the text, give a synonym that fits the meaning of the text (0.8 POINTS):

- a) constant (line 2)
- b) protect (line 21)

5) WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 120-150 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Do you think wars are ever justified? Discuss your answer.