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You have found a fact card and a poem in a teen magazine about sports. Read the fact card and the poem.

Text 1 Fact card

Fun facts about tennis

- Rackets only became a part of tennis in the 16th century. Before that, players slapped the ball with their bare hands!
- A tennis match in 2010 between Nicolas Mahut and John Isner at Wimbledon was the longest in history, lasting 11 hours and five minutes!
- In tennis, 'love' means scoring zero.
- In 1875, the rectangular court was first introduced to tennis, replacing the hourglass-shaped court used previously.



Text 2 Poem

Mona leaps from bed and hops on her bike.

Cycling along the water is truly dreamlike.

On a tennis ball Mona puts a deadly spin,
she serves so hard that she knows she'll win.

5 While others are gossiping in the hall,

Mona practises spiking the volleyball.

Her days doesn't end with the last bell at school,
because then it's time to start training at the pool.

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- Mona's favourite, basketball practice, starts in a bit,
- 10 It's the sport to which she wants to commit.
- But her teammates look at her and say,
- 'Why are you wearing your hockey jersey today?'
- Mona looks down and sees her mistake.
- She laughs so hard that her sides start to ache.
- 15 She plays too many sports, she knows,
- She can't remember if she's in the right clothes!



Comprehension 1 & 2 You are completing a quiz in the magazine about the fact card and the poem. Read the fact card and the poem, and answer the questions. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

Fact card

- 1 How did people play tennis before the 16th century?

- 2 Who played in the longest tennis game in history?

- 3 What is a score of zero called in tennis?

- 4 i) What shape was a tennis court before 1875?

- ii) What shape is it now?

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Poem

5 What does 'bike' rhyme with in the first stanza?

6 Where does Mona like to cycle?



7 Who do you think 'others' refers to in line 5?

8 Which sport does Mona like the most?

9 How do Mona's teammates feel when they see Mona in her hockey jersey?

10 Why did Mona wear a hockey jersey to basketball practice?

11 What sports does Mona play? Place a check (✓) next to each sport referred to in the poem.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> sprinting | <input type="checkbox"/> volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> cycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> mountain climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> football |



12 The best title for the poem is _____.

- A 'Keeping in Shape'
- B 'Mona's Hockey Jersey'
- C 'A Day in the Life of a Sport Addict'
- D 'Mona's Favourite Sport'

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