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Unit 18 PRETEST**PART 1****Choose the correct words to complete the paragraphs (θ = no article).**

Wimbledon, which is held in a neighborhood of London, England, is probably **(1) a / the / θ** most highly regarded international tennis competition. Today it is **(2) the / an / θ** only major tennis championship that is still played on grass courts. Twenty-two men played in **(3) a / θ / the** first competition at **(4) a / the / θ** tennis club in 1877. Women first competed in 1884, and only 13 participated. Nowadays hundreds of men and women compete each year.

When **(5) an / θ / the** air travel started to become more common, more players came to Wimbledon from all over **(6) a / the / θ** world. Since **(7) the / a / an** event became international in 1900, only a few British players have won. **(8) The / A / θ** last British player to win at Wimbledon was **(9) a / the / θ** woman named Virginia Wade. She won in 1977.

PART 2**Use the correct articles: θ, a, an, or the into each blank to complete the passage.**

Wimbledon was **(1)** _____ amateur event until 1968. Since then, the competition has been open to both **(2)** _____ amateurs and professionals. Some of **(3)** _____ more recent famous players who have won Wimbledon include John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, and Björn Borg, **(4)** _____ outstanding player who won Wimbledon five times in a row.

Wimbledon tournaments generally last for **(5)** _____ period of two weeks. There are separate tournaments for men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed (men and women) doubles. (In a singles match, two players compete against each other. In a doubles match, two teams of two players each compete.)

A few hundred people watched **(6)** _____ first Wimbledon match in **(7)** _____ 1877, but now about half a million people attend each year! The tennis events of **(8)** _____ 2012 London Summer Olympic Games that took place at the courts there were seen by over a million people.