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Passage 1

Adapted from Egypt unearths trove of artifacts, 250 mummies in ancient necropolis

Archaeologists in Egypt announced Monday that they had uncovered a trove of ancient artifacts at the necropolis of Saqqara near Cairo. Among the treasures were 250 sarcophagi — or painted (1) _____ — with well-preserved mummies inside. Other artifacts (2) _____ several statues of various Egyptian gods and goddesses, as well as a headless statue of the architect who (3) _____ Saqqara pyramid. The finds date (4) _____ to about 500 BC.

One of the sarcophagi contained an intact, sealed papyrus. The sealed document was immediately (5) _____ to the Grand Egyptian Museum for further study. Other finds included musical (6) _____ and vessels used by priests when praying (7) _____ the gods. Cosmetics and (8) _____ such as bracelets and necklaces were also discovered.

The Egyptian government is hoping that (9) _____ discoveries will bring tourists back to (10) _____ the country. The country (11) _____ heavily on tourism. The past decade has not been kind to it: in the ten years or so, it has faced multiple problems leading to a drastic fall in the number of foreign visitors.

At this site, many significant historical finds have been made over the past few years. In some of the coffins, archaeologists found that some of the (12) _____ were buried with golden tongues which the ancient Egyptians believed was to (13) _____ them to “speak in the afterlife.” Interestingly, a brewery, (14) _____ to be the world’s oldest, was also found. It brewed the (15) _____ used for the burial rituals for Egypt’s earliest kings.



Passage 2

The Massive Costs Behind The Olympic Games by Niall McCarthy for Forbes

Barring last-minute cancellation amid rising Covid-19 cases in Japan, the 2020 Olympics was finally set to get underway in Tokyo on 23 July 2021. The event was supposed to take place between July 24 and August 09, 2020, but it was (1)_____ in March (2)_____ to the pandemic. In 2021, it was held behind (3)_____ doors without spectators, a bitter pill for both the public and organizers to (4)_____ after spending huge amounts of (5)_____ on specially designed buildings and structures as they prepare for the Games.

Cities that (6)_____ the Olympics games normally spend much more than they initially budgeted. When Tokyo was awarded the Olympics back in 2013, the bid committee estimated total costs of \$7.3 billion. This amount (7)_____ to \$12.6 billion in December 2019, before the games were postponed. By the end of the games in 2021, the final bill was an incredible \$28 billion.

Many cities have learnt harsh lessons from hosting the Games (8)_____ the years and some cities have learnt from the (9)_____ of others. Hamburg is a notable example – Its inhabitants rejected its government's bid in 2015, saying that hosting the Olympics was (10)_____ expensive.

Unfortunately, others (11)_____ their lesson the hard way - Examples include Montreal in 1976, (12)_____ ended up 720% over budget, and the 1992 Barcelona games which overran by 266%. More recently, the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and the 2012 London Olympics (13)_____ vastly outspent their initial (14)_____. Increasing costs are not solely a Summer Olympics issue, as the cost of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics demonstrates. Sadly, many of the venues do not see use after the Olympics, which means the enduring legacy of hosting the Olympics has been nothing more than a series of abandoned (15)_____.

Passage 3

Singapore in the running to host the first Olympic Virtual Sports Festival next year
By Justin Kor

Singapore could soon be hosts to a brand new Olympic event again. More than a decade after staging the very first Youth Olympic Games in 2010, the Lion City is poised to host another event: the world's (1)_____ Olympic Virtual Sports Festival in 2023. This possibility for Singapore was raised (2)_____ the International Olympics Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach. "You were a (3)_____ with the YOG so maybe you can be a trailblazer again with the Virtual Sports Festival in 2023," he said.

With e-sports (4)_____ more popular in recent years and technology increasingly becoming a part of the (5)_____ world, Singapore has ~~also~~ been quick to adjust to the digital (6)_____. Similarly, the IOC must also be agile to change with the times. Bach said that the IOC wants to (7)_____ Singapore's example of always moving with the trends and never standing (8)_____.

The (9)_____ will be part of the Olympic Virtual Series, the (10)_____ competition first launched in 2021. It was immensely popular and attracted more than 250,000 participants (11)_____ over 100 countries. Mr Bach also praised the many ways in which Singapore had (12)_____ to the sporting world, such as by hosting the Youth Olympic Games. Since then, he felt that young, up-and-coming athletes have been inspired to apply Olympic (13)_____, such as excellence and respect, to their lives.

Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, President of the Singapore National Olympic Council, also commented (14)_____ how the Olympic Movement has had a lingering, influential presence in Singapore. (15)_____ to him, the exploits of Singaporean athletes have helped to shape our national identity.



Passage 4

Paw patrol: Seoul city enlists pet dogs and owners to sniff out trouble during walks by Wendy Teo for The Straits Times

While on patrol one night on a walk around their home in Seoul's Mapo district, Louie suddenly stopped in his (1) _____ and sniffed hard. To draw Ms Choi's attention, Louie started pulling her (2) _____ a drunken man who was sprawled asleep on the road while hugging a lamp post. Ms Choi immediately called the police and (3) _____ over the man until they arrived, to make sure the man did not get run over by a car.

Ms Choi and Louie are among 1,464 voluntary owner-pet dog patrol teams (4) _____ by the Seoul Metropolitan Government to report any (5) _____ activity or safety risks to the authorities while going on walks around their neighbourhoods.

Launched in May 2022, the dog patrol programme (6) _____ with only 64 members. However, as more dog owners found out about the programme, the number of (7) _____ increased to more than 1,000 in 2023. The authorities are (8) _____ to hit 2,000 teams by the end of 2024.

Seoul Mayor Mr Oh Se-hoon said, "Canine patrol is a citizen-friendly policy to (9) _____ crimes and risks through the simple act of residents walking their pet dogs in their (10) _____. This year, the dog patrol teams will continue to play a (11) _____ role in creating a safe and secure Seoul."

Dog owners who sign up for the programme have to (12) _____ screening. Their pets are tested for their ability to (13) _____ instructions and remain calm in unexpected situations. The selection process is overseen by a panel of four dog experts, and about two-thirds of the dogs (14) _____ the test to become part of the patrol team last year.

In the programme, dog owners join group chats with other teams in their neighbourhood to share information. They also arrange to patrol together for safety and social reasons. The teams wear fluorescent green vests (15) _____ their patrols and are often stopped for pats from passers-by who coo in delight when they see the dogs.

