BEGINNERS GROUP

Class: ________________  Name: __________________________

You are working for a local sports magazine and you have been asked to write a report discussing the differences and similarities between football and basketball. Write a paragraph of 150-180 words.

Use the notes below.

In your paragraph, make sure:
- you write a topic sentence, major and minor supporting sentences, and a conclusion,
- you use appropriate connectors.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>POINTS OF COMPARISON AND CONTRAST</th>
<th>FOOTBALL</th>
<th>BASKETBALL</th>
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<tr>
<td>popularity</td>
<td>popular all around the world</td>
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<td>type of sport</td>
<td>team sport</td>
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<td>places they are played</td>
<td>outdoors / grass pitch</td>
<td>indoors / wooden surface</td>
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<td>parts of the body used to control the ball</td>
<td>* feet (to kick and trap the ball)</td>
<td>* hands (to pass or shoot the ball)</td>
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<td>* head (to head the ball)</td>
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<td>length of the game</td>
<td>90 minutes</td>
<td>48 minutes</td>
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<td>type of ball</td>
<td>* usually black and white</td>
<td>* usually reddish-brown</td>
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<td></td>
<td>* light</td>
<td>* heavy</td>
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<td></td>
<td>* synthetic material or leather</td>
<td>* hard rubber</td>
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<td>number of players</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>5</td>
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Write your paragraph on the lines provided below.

Football vs. Basketball

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MARKING SCHEME

WRITING SECTION

Model paragraph:
Football and basketball have similarities and differences. To begin with, both games are popular all around the world. Another similarity between them is that they are both team sports. However, they differ in several ways. First of all, there are 11 players in football whereas basketball is played by 5 players. Secondly, the places where they are played are different. Football is played outdoors on a grass pitch while basketball is played indoors on a wooden surface. The third difference is in the parts of the body used to control the ball. In football, the players use their feet to kick and trap the ball and their head to head the ball. Basketball players, on the other hand, use their hands to pass or shoot the ball. The length of the game is the fourth difference. It is 90 minutes in football but 48 minutes in basketball. Finally, the type of ball in these games is also different. The ball used in football is usually black and white and it is light because it is made of synthetic material or leather. In contrast, a basketball is usually reddish-brown and heavy and it is made of hard rubber.