

Subject: The Origins of Scouting**1. True or False?**

- a. Scouting originated in the United States.
- b. Military scouts obtain information about enemy forces.
- c. Robert Baden-Powell was a Boer commando.
- d. The first Scout Rally was held in 1909.
- e. Modern scouts are free to follow any religion.

Answer Key: a. false; b. false; c. true; d. false; e. true

2. Match the words with their synonyms.

originate, clandestine, elect, undetected, enemy

- a. choose
- b. hidden
- c. begin
- d. foe
- e. covert

Answer Key: a. elect; b. undetected; c. originate; d. enemy; e. clandestine

3. Fill in all the gaps with the appropriate article (a, an or the).

Baden Powell commanded (a.) ___ military force based in Mafeking, South Africa. (b.) ___ town was besieged by Boer forces in 1899 and successfully defended by Baden-Powell for 217 days. (c.) ___ siege gained a lot of press coverage back in England. After Mafeking, Baden-Powell had become (d.) ___ national hero, and (e.) ___ book about scouting he had written for soldiers was being used to teach members of boys' clubs. (f.) ___ book was later rewritten not to include (g.) ___ military aspects of scouting (such as exploring (h.) ___ enemy area and obtaining information about (i.) ___ enemy forces, terrain and civilian pursuits).

Answer Key: a. a; b. The; c. The; d. a; e. a; f. The; g. The; h. an; i. the

4. Fill in the correct word. For each pair of sentences, use the same word twice.**rulers, involved, employed, lead, removed**

- a. The second Boer War in South Africa would ____ to Baden-Powell's fame.
Louis Botha initially fought under Lucas Meyer, but would eventually get the chance to ____ the Boer Forces himself.
- b. The scouting skills that Burnham had learnt in America intrigued Baden-Powell and complemented the skills that he ____ in his military role.
I sent them my resume and they ____ me without as much as an interview.
- c. The week-long trip to Brownsea Island in Dorset ____ boys from different social backgrounds.
The court ruled that the suspect hadn't been ____ in the robbery.
- d. The military aspects were ____ from Baden-Powell's book.
I ____ my jacket and put it on the chair.
- e. Many musicians, painters and sculptors have been supported by ____, religious leaders and other wealthy figures.
I really wanted to measure the distance on the map, but I couldn't find any ____.

Answer Key: a. lead; b. employed; c. involved; d. removed; e. rulers**5. Complete each sentence with a single word.**

- a. The role of military scouts is __ explore an enemy area and obtain information about the enemy forces.
- b. It's important to travel undetected and survive outdoors ____ minimal resources.
- c. The scouting skills that Burnham had learnt __ America intrigued Baden-Powell.
- d. The trip involved boys ____ different social backgrounds.
- e. __ you know a young person who may benefit from joining, why not look up your nearest unit and get involved?

Answer Key: a. to; b. with; c. in; d. from; e. If**6. Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.**

- a. Baden-Powell was the military scout.
- b. In 1909, the first Scout Rally has been held.
- c. As of 2019, there are over 46 million registered Scouts from 216 countries around world.
- d. The cadets was not old enough to fight, but they stood guard, carried messages and assisted in hospitals.
- e. In a world where young people are increasingly staying indoors and interacting online rather than socialising in real life, it may look like the day of Scouting are numbered.

Answer Key: a. the - a; b. has been - - was; c. around the world; d. was - - were; e. day - - days