ENGLISH PAPER 1

Read the passage below and then answer questions 1 to 10.

Mwanga was a quiet boy who often kept to himself. He did not have many friends and most of his classmates looked down on him because he was not doing well academically. They laughed at him when he made mistakes and some even made fun of his poor grades. Mwanga had a desire to perform better. However, no matter how hard he tried to study, the results never seemed to improve. This made him lose confidence in himself. Because of all this, he avoided taking part in any extra-curricular activities. He was afraid of failing in front of others and becoming a laughing stock. He would often sit alone during games time and pretended to be busy or feeling unwell.

One Thursday afternoon during games, Mr. Rapenda, the sports teacher, noticed that Mwanga was once again sitting under a tree, away from the rest. He walked over to him and asked to join the rest in the game. However, Mwanga feigned an illness once again. But Mr. Rapenda was not convinced. He insisted that Mwanga takes part in the match. The boy reluctantly got on the pitch though he had butterflies in the stomach. His legs felt heavy and his heart raced.

When Mwanga joined the team, the other players were surprised. A few giggled since they expected him to make a fool of himself once again. But as the game started, something surprising happened. Mwanga intercepted the ball from an opponent and moved swiftly across the field. He easily went past his opponents and his passes were accurate and within a few minutes, he had assisted in a goal. Everyone watched in astonishment. No one had expected him to be that good. The laughter turned into cheers. His teammates clapped and shouted his name every time he made a great move.

From the sideline, Mr. Rapenda smiled. He had stayed there not just to supervise the game but to keep Mwanga motivated. By the end of the game, Mwanga had scored two goals. The other players surrounded him and lifted him onto their shoulders. For the first time in a long while, Mwanga felt proud of himself. He was still breathing heavily but his eyes sparkled with joy.

1. From the first paragraph, it is right to conclude that Mwanga
   A. did not like any of his classmates.
   B. was unwilling to associate with anyone.
   C. was despised by a section of his classmates.
   D. did not like academic work.
2. The students who often made fun of Mwanga can be best described as
   A. intolerant
   B. fierce
   C. charitable
   D. incompetent
3. Mwanga became less confident because
   A. he could not do anything well.
   B. no one was willing to help him.
   C. he was the weakest learner in his class.
   D. his efforts did not seem to bear fruit.
4. Why did Mwanga pretend to be ill during games?
   A. He might have been actually unwell.
   B. He knew very little about sports.
   C. He feared being branded a failure in sports too.
   D. Everyone discouraged him from taking part in sports.
5. When Mr. Rapenda asked Mwanga to take part in sports, he
   A. was not ready to do so.
   B. opted to go away.