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Part 2. The story is in the past. Choose the appropriate tenses and write the correct verb forms required.

One of the first agreements among a group of European countries (sign) _____ in Rome in 1957. This (know) _____ as the **EEC (European Economic Community)** and it (have) six members: *France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg*. In 1973 the *United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark* (join) _____ the EEC. *Greece* (join) _____ in 1981, *Portugal* and *Spain* (join) _____ in 1986.

The **European Union** (EU) (create) _____ by the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992 and (have) _____ twelve members in the beginning. The Union (become) _____ larger in 1995, when *Austria, Finland* and *Sweden* also (join) _____ it.

On 1st May 2004 ten more countries (become) _____ members. They (be) _____ *Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Cyprus* and *Malta*. On January 1st 2007 *Bulgaria* and *Romania* also (enter) _____ the EU, so today the EU has 27 members and a total population of nearly half a billion people. Three countries - *Macedonia, Croatia* and *Turkey* - are potential candidates for the near future.

Twelve countries of the EU have a common currency - the **euro** - which (introduce) _____ on January 1st 2002 following a monetary agreement. Some countries, however, including Britain, (decide) _____ not to adopt the euro and continue to use their national currencies.

Part 3. Now translate the passage into Italian.

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Part 4. Word-formation

a) Write at least one derivative for each of the following words:

bad _____ derive _____ read _____ well _____
easy _____ understand _____ regulation _____

b) Write at least one compound for each of the following words; you can use the words either as heads or as premodifiers of the compounds:

post _____ letter _____ side _____ work _____
board _____ card _____ sight _____ mark _____

c) An *ANSWER* vs. *to ANSWER* is an example of: compounding / derivation / conversion

d) *IRA*, *RAF* and *VIP* are examples of: acronyms / abbreviations

Part 5. Write a short passage (between 40 and 70 words) about your favourite season.

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