**GREAT NIGHT AT THE 2017 FIFA AWARDS**

**The great Cristiano Ronaldo was, of course, named the world's best male player at the 2017 Best Fifa Football Awards in London. The Real Madrid and Portugal hero beat Barcelona's Lionel Messi and Paris St-Germain's Neymar to the honour. Ronaldo, 32, helped Real to a Champions League-La Liga double in 2016-17.**

**The talented Lieke Martens of Barcelona and the Netherlands won best female player, while Real Madrid's legendary Zinedine Zidane was named best men's coach and Netherlands' Sarina Wiegman the best female coach.**

**Arsenal's Olivier Giroud received the ‘Puskas’ award for the best goal of 2017 for his remarkable strike against Crystal Palace back in January.**

**Also, Celtic won the Best Fans award after they honoured the club's 1967 'Lisbon Lions' with a stunning 360-degree card display on the 50th anniversary of their historic European Cup win, during a match against Hearts earlier this year.**

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*Come up with one suggestion for each of these options and explain your choice.*

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2. (a) **What would you consider to be the main purpose of this article?**
Justify your answer by talking about what you’ve read.

(b) **Explain how effective you think the writer has been in achieving his aims.** Justify your answer with reference to the information in the article and the language it uses.

c) Why does the writer include the phrase “of course” in the first sentence about Ronaldo winning Player of the year?”

d) What extra information do you get about Ronaldo which might explain why he won?

c) What is the Puskas award?

d) Write down every descriptive word in this article.

e) Who is your favourite sportsman or woman? Discuss who they are, what they are famous for and why they are your favourite.