



LANGUE VIVANTE I

Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

Everyday athletes that you may not suspect are using anabolic steroids or the human growth hormone. These performance enhancing drugs are found almost everywhere in the world and the problem is rapidly growing.

5 In almost every type of sport, there is one form or another of performance enhancing drugs. Doping is usually present in sports that require remarkable physical strength, extended periods of endurance, or intense bursts of energy such as weightlifting or sprinting. Bodybuilding, weightlifting, cycling, track and field sports are well known for their history of drug use.

10 The sports of today are experiencing more problems with performance enhancing drugs mainly because of the popularity of the three most common drugs: anabolic steroids, amphetamine, and the human growth hormone. Many of the so-called super star athletes that play the rough and tough sports are using anabolic steroids. Athletes may come up with the strangest ways of using the drugs that can sometimes be a major threat to their lives.

15 Gaining that little bit of competitiveness can lead to greater increases in performance. Steroids increase muscle mass and strength which helps athletes recover quicker from injuries. As rewards for sporting achievements increase and drugs become more accessible, competitors are finding that the temptation to cheat the system is always present. When **you** know your competitors are getting an extra edge by taking drugs – how can it be unfair for you to take them too? When there are high stakes and high stress, athletes sometimes feel
20 there is no choice.

There are different effects for men and women, but all of the problems are very serious. Males are subject to hair loss, acne and liver cancer **which** can be a life threatening disease. Females are exposed to growth of body and facial hair and they are also liable to contract deepening of the voice.

25 Doping in sport affects not only the competitors but also the amount of respect spectators hold for sport and their sporting heroes. The appreciation of a sport can easily be tainted if even a single athlete is found guilty of doping. It is also unfair on honest participants; when drugs are used, sport is no longer a measure of pure skill. The stakes are dangerously high given that the greatest athletes are often considered role models and
30 national heroes. Besides, once a sport is known for doping, gaining a clean reputation and attracting sponsors and honest athletes is difficult, not to mention gaining public favor and fans.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A) Multiple choices: Choose the most suitable answer (1 mark)

- 1) This text mainly deals with the issue of ...
 a) sport drug addicts; b) drugs and doping in sports c) useful drugs in sport

B) Vocabulary in context: Fill in the gaps with words from the text. (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)

Many cyclists have been caught using illicit drugs in the Tour de France. They confessed that they did so with the idea oftheir performances and winning the competition.

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Severe measures have been taken by the French cycling officials to prevent sport from being by such bad practices.

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Yet it is not easy because athletes want to keep a competitive.....on each other.

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C) Matching ideas and paragraphs: Match the ideas in Column A with the corresponding paragraphs in Column B (one is given as an example) (5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

Column A (Titles)	Column B (Paragraph numbers)
5) There are various reasons for competitors to resort to drugs	a)
6) Sports most exposed to doping	b)
7) Drug use in sports is increasingly a worldwide issue	c) Paragraph n°1
8) Ethical and financial impact of doping on people and countries	d)
9) The drugs which are preferably used in competitions	e)
10) Harmful physical and esthetical aftereffects on drug users	f)

D) True/False statements: Are the following sentences right or wrong? Justify with relevant passages quoted from the text. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

- 11) In all sports, most of the famous competitors are all taking drugs to remain the best

 12) Sometimes sportsmen who use drugs don't think they are cheating.....

E) Referencing: Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text. (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

- 13) you (par. 4):
 14) which (par. 5):

LANGUE VIVANTE I**II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE****(6 marks)**

F) Complete the following extract from a sports newsletter with the most suitable form of the verbs in brackets. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

“Last week, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) took a severe measure against doping cheats. It was decided that athletes tested positive
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 (would return – would be returned – would have returned) the money they had earned during the period they (were taken – were taking – will take) drugs. But one
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 athlete who (awarded – had awarded – had been awarded) \$250,000
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 refused to return the money after (to be excluded – excluding – being
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 excluded) from all competitions for doping.”

G) One international athlete who has been found guilty of doping writes to his nation for regrets. Complete his letter meaningfully with the correct form of the words in brackets. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

“Dear compatriots
 I am deeply sorry for putting my country in such an embarrassing situation. I
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 (apology) for letting you down. I know I have made an (forgive) mistake.
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 I know I shouldn't have taken those anabolic steroids. I feel (shame).
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 But I promise that I'll never do it again. Yours (sincerity)”
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H) Fill in the blanks with the words in the list below.

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

in – to – from – for – which – what – who

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is the sports body responsible
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 determining substances are banned in athletics. It has decreed that
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 athletes are found with banned substances in their possession, or
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 refuse to submitdrug testing will be severely sanctioned.
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III. WRITING (6 marks)**Choose one topic only and write about 150-200 words**

Topic 1: “Faster, Higher, Stronger” is the Olympic motto to encourage athletes to do their best for new records. What do you think of the impact of this motto on competitors? Is it an advantage? Or, on the contrary, is it the cause of drug scandals in sport?

Topic 2: More and more young schoolboys are considering giving up school for sport competitions such as football or wrestling. Do you think that this is a good choice?

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A) Multiple choices: (1 mark)
1- b This text mainly deals with the issue of **drugs and doping in sports.**

B) Vocabulary in context: (0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)
2) enhancing 3) tainted 4) edge

C) Matching ideas and paragraphs: (5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks)

Column A (Titles)	Column B (Paragraph numbers)
5) There are various reasons for competitors to resort to drugs	a) Paragraph n°4
6) Sports which are concerned in the problem of doping	b) Paragraph n°2
7) Drug use in sports is increasingly a worldwide issue	c) Paragraph n°1
8) Ethical and financial impact of doping on people and countries	d) Paragraph n°6
9) The drugs which are most commonly used	e) Paragraph n°3
10) Harmful physical and esthetical aftereffects on drug users	f) Paragraph n°5

D) True/False statements: (1 x 2 = 2 marks)
11) Most of the famous competitors are taking drugs to remain the best ... **True**
"many of the so-called super star athletes that play the rough and tough sports are using anabolic steroids." (Par.3)
12) Sometimes, sportsmen who use drugs don't think they are cheating ... **True**
"When you know your competitors are getting an extra edge by taking drugs – how can it be unfair for you to take them too?." (Par. 4)

E) Referencing: (0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)
13) you (par. 4): **athletes** 14) which (par. 5): **liver cancer**

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

F) Verb forms. (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)
15) would return 16) were taking 17) had been awarded 18) being excluded

G) Word formation (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)
19) apologize 20) unforgivable 21) ashamed 22) sincerely

H) Word completion (0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)
23) for 24) which 25) who 26) to

III. WRITING (6 marks)
1) Topic understanding and organization: **2 marks**
2) Coherence and cohesion: **2 marks**
3) Language and originality: **2 marks**