



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

ANGLAIS

1 Football violence is an increasingly worrying phenomenon of modern times that vitiates and distorts the very
 2 meaning of this sport. Fan violence affects virtually every country in the world. Brawls, stadium invasions, insults
 3 and provocation have become quasi-repetitive acts that require solutions. The enormous damages caused, such as
 4 fan injuries, property damages, and even deaths, have led officials to take measures aiming at eradicating violence
 5 caused by passionate and rampaging fans. Sociologists, psychologists, and security officials all agree on the fact
 6 that a football stadium is an escape valve that often serves as an outlet for expressing different repressions felt by a
 7 range of fans. Passion often goes beyond the socially permitted boundaries to result in intolerable scenes of
 8 violence.

9 Several types of solutions have been proposed to tackle **this phenomenon**. First comes prevention, then sports
 10 sanctions and finally criminal penalties. Prevention is a civic and civilized measure applied to avoid a possible
 11 crackdown. It essentially consists in carrying out campaigns against violence in stadiums and public spaces through
 12 media outlets. The creation of supporters' committees to oversee the audience is also included in the context of
 13 prevention, with an important reservation, however. Oftentimes, these supporters' associations are encouraged by
 14 clubs because they mobilize the sports audience in every game. This relationship with the supporters' associations
 15 allows the groups of supporters to take part in the clubs' activities. While they are certainly not involved by any
 16 legal charge and do not make any decisions concerning the club, they often become pressure groups and influence
 17 the clubs.

18 To deal with hooliganism, European countries were the first to introduce systematic inspections of supporters at
 19 the stadiums' entrance. Many honest fans have found **this procedure** to be humiliating at the outset, but accepted
 20 it afterwards due to the rampant insecurity in sports arenas. Another measure was to identify, through video
 21 cameras installed in stadiums, the most violent fans in order to ban them from the stadiums for a definite period of
 22 time. The European police, in collaboration with clubs, have even created databases to identify supporters'
 23 troublemakers. Is **that** enough though? Although necessary, the means used to come to grips with violence in
 24 stadiums have failed to eradicate this phenomenon. Further efforts are still needed, especially from the media that
 25 should avoid hot and provocative comments that are often taken seriously by fans. As a matter of fact, the media
 26 have an important role to play by helping make sports debates less passionate and presenting them in a strict
 27 sports' frame, so that sports will not be used as an excuse to rekindle violence, regionalism and racism.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A/ Read the text and match the paragraphs in section A with their suitable titles in section B and write your answers in the table below: (1.5 marks)

Section A	Section B
Paragraph 1	a. Individual control strategies
Paragraph 2	b. Football player violence
Paragraph 3	c. Crowd control strategies
	d. Violent behavior

P1	P2	P3

B. Complete this table meaningfully by quoting two consequences and two solutions from the text. (2 marks)

Situation	Consequences	Solutions
Football violence	4.-----	6.-----
	5.-----	7.-----

C. What do these words refer to in the text? (1.5 marks)

- 8. This phenomenon (Paragraph. 2):
- 9. This procedure (Paragraph. 3) :.....
- 10 That (Paragraph 3):.....

D. Complete the following sentences meaningfully with phrases from the text: (3 marks)

- 11. Nowadays, insults and provocation in stadiums cause.....
- 12. Officials have decided to take several measures such as.....
- 13. The media could help deal with football violence by

II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

E. Fill in this paragraph with the right words selected from the box: (2 marks)

because- also- but- violence- as a result- however- shown

Nowadays many young people resort to (14) to solve their problems. (15), they tend to make a lot of damage in sports arenas. A survey has recently (16).....that around 60% of violent acts comes from sports. We (17)notice that most of the time ill-intentioned supporters can influence other people. To eradicate this phenomenon, authorities have to keep the pressure on hooligans.

F. Complete meaningfully this dialogue between a member of the committee that fights against violence in sport and his friend. (2 marks)

Friend: Now violence in sports arenas is almost pervasive everywhere (18), it?
Member: Definitely! We have to deal with it.
Friend (19) against this plague?
Member: We’ve been fighting for more than three years now.
Friend: Do you think that (20)?
Member: Of course! Even if we sometimes meet with resistance, awareness raising campaigns are beginning to bear fruit.
Friend: (21)?
Member : We’ve held a number of conferences in different areas of the city so far, and many young supporters are working with us to get rid of hooliganism.

G. Put the words between parentheses in their right forms: (2 marks)

The spread of violence in sport has (provocation) (22).....tremendous damages in modern times. Owing to the (fail) (23).....of some measures against violence in sport, the challenge of the authorities in charge is still difficult to meet ; and sometimes it’s even (safe) (24)to attend sports events. Drastic measures and the (involve) (25)of experts in this domain could be effective solutions.

III. WRITING (6 marks)

Choose one topic and write about 150 words

Topic 1: As a member of the committee that fights to eradicate violence in sports, you organize a conference in your district to raise people’s awareness on the issue. Write your speech in which you insist on the consequences and suggest effective solutions.

Topic 2: You are faithful fan of your national football team. You have noticed that violence in football is causing a lot of damage in your country. Write a letter to the Minister of sports to inform him/her about the situation and ask him/her for help to reduce violence in sports.