

# BEPC BLANC N°1

## EPREUVE DE LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

**DUREE : 2H**

### **PART ONE: READING**

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

Moscow – Women's sprinting has entered a new era, declared African duo Murielle Ahoure of Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria's Blessing Okagbare after they won the continent's first ever medals in a women's world 200 metres final on Friday in Moscow.

Ahoure, 25, took her second silver of the World Athletics Championships, having become the first African woman to win a medal in the world 100 m final with Okagbare behind Jamaica's 100 m champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

Both of them may train in the United States and have American accents – Ahoure has lived in America since she was a child after arriving from Côte d'Ivoire via a brief stay in France – but they are Africans to the core.

"Tonight has seen a new era launched in women's sprinting", said a radiant Ahoure. "I am so proud to be up here as an African. We are the perfect opponents as Blessing represents English speaking West Africa and I represent French speaking West Africa," she giggled.

Ahoure, who said earlier in the week her fame is such in Côte d'Ivoire that she is known as 'the female Drogba' after the iconic footballer, has said she wants to act as a role model for budding African athletes.

Ahoure, the daughter of a former chief of staff of the Ivorian army, hopes this will halt the drain of talent to countries that offer them money.

"I think it is sad so many African athletes feel it is necessary to move abroad and run for other countries," said Ahoure, who has five siblings.

**Note :** Sibling : brothers and sisters.

**Source: On Internet : African Sprint Heroes, Reuters, August, 2013**

### **COMPREHENSION CHECK (8 MARKS)**

A/ Choose the correct ending according to the text and write your answer like in the example

Example: 1- b

- 1- Murielle and Blessing won.....
- Both the silver and the bronze medals.
  - The silver and the bronze medals respectively.
  - The golden medal
  - No medal.

- 2- Blessing and Murielle are both.....
  - a. African Americans.
  - b. English and French.
  - c. Africans but they have been trained in the USA.
  - d. From America
  
- 3- Ahouré took her two silver medals.....
  - a. Only in the 100 metres.
  - b. In the 100 and 400 metres.
  - c. In the 400 metres
  - d. In the 100 and 200 metres.
  
- 4- Murielle who is now famous is.....
  - a. Compared to Didier Drogba.
  - b. Married to Drogba.
  - c. Drogba's wife.
  - d. Going to replace Drogba.
  
- 5- Murielle has got .....
  - a. Five brothers.
  - b. Five sisters.
  - c. Five brothers and sisters.
  - d. Five friends.

B/ The following passage is the summary of the text above you have just read. Complete it by writing on your answer sheet each missing word as in the example. Choose from the list below: **icon - famous - achievement - medals - success**

Example: 1. success

Blessing Okagbare and Murielle Ahouré's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at Moscow has revealed that young Africans are able to compete equally with Europeans and Americans. With her two silver (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Murielle Ahoure has become (3) \_\_\_\_\_ not only in her country but also in Africa and around the world. This (4) \_\_\_\_\_ has made her, following the example of Didier Drogba, (5) an \_\_\_\_\_ in the Ivorian sports.

## **PART TWO : WRITING (6 MARKS)**

Task 1: As a member of the English club of your school, you have been invited to describe your favourite sport star. Write your report. It will be published in the English club magazine. (12-15 lines)

You may use the following clues:

- What is his / her name?
- The team he or she plays for ;
- His / her physical portrait ;
- Why have you been influenced by him / her?
- Tell the way he / she plays or performs;
- What title (s) or cup (s) did your favorite sport star win?
- Etc.

Task 2: Someone has said that African athletes' bad performance is due to the absence of appropriate infrastructures. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Write a 15-lined article to be published in your school English club magazine.

**PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (6 MARKS)**

Choose the correct word among those in brackets and write your answer as in the example.

Example: 1-has

Murielle Ahoure (1. had – have – has) just won an important medal (2. for – to – in) her young career. Ivorian people (3. are seeing – saw – have seen) her like their new heaven-sent standard bearer now. Twenty-nine years ago, Gabriel Tiacoh (4. gets – is getting – got) a silver medal at Atlanta, USA. That (5. is – was – were) the very first time for an Ivorian (6. won – win – to win) such a medal. Now a path is all (7. laid – laying – lain) for this generation. This achievement (8. has – is – are) going to show (9. in – of – that) African athletes are capable of taking laurels in worldwide competitions.