

Cours secondaire méthodiste
Niangon

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Classe : 2^{nde}

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ENGLISH COMMON TEST

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (11 points)

Read the text and answer the questions that follow

It is for the women athletes that I will remember the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. From beginning to end, it was the women's events that gave the most enjoyment and the greatest excitement.

I will never forget the marathon. The two leading women showed the greatest strength and determination as they contested every metre of the last scorching hill to the end.

The 10,000 metres race was even more thrilling. At the beginning of the last breathtaking lap, Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia strode powerfully past her South African rival to win the race. And she still had energy to spare!

However, the woman who inspired me most was Hassiba Boulmerka. She too comes from Africa and she is a Muslim. The religious authorities in Algeria, which is her country did not allow her to train there, yet her victory in the 1 500 metres was a magnificent triumph. With fire in her eyes fought her way round the track, pounding the ground. A reporter wrote that she was crushing myths with every stride. He said that her country, her continent and her sex have every reason to rejoice in her victory. As the sun sets, I too rejoice for Africa and for women.

Extracted from 'Go for English 2nde' p- 26

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A- Answer these questions: (4 points)

- 1- Why will the author remember the women athletes at the Barcelona Olympic Games?
- 2- What qualities did the women athletes show they had?
- 3- Which words and phrases express the strength and power of Boulmerka's running?
- 4- What are her country, her continent and her sex?

B- Vocabulary (7 points)

For each word in italics, go through steps a) to d) above.

Then write down the letter of the dictionary meaning that you consider correct in this context.

Do it like in the example: 1- **C: trainer of sportsmen and sportswomen**

An athletics team is about to compete with other teams in a number of races. Their (*1 coach*) gives them this advice beforehand.

'I want to say a few words to you so (*2 gather*) round, everybody. Come over here a moment, please. You are a very good team. This year we have some (*3 outstanding*) athletes so we have a very good chance of winning. But I don't want you to (*4 spoil*) your chances by doing anything foolish. So I want to (*5 warn*) you about a few things. Don't start running before you hear the starting pistol, I don't want any (*6 false*) starts. And remember this: if you make two false starts, the umpire will (*7 disqualify*) you. As you approach the finishing line, keep running as fast as you can until you are past the (*8 tape*). Some runners slow down

DICTIONARY MEANINGS

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| <p>1 a) bus for long journeys</p> <p>b) railway carriage</p> <p>c) trainer of sportsmen and sportswomen</p> <p>d) carriage pulled by horses</p> <p>2 a) come together in a group</p> <p>b) increase speed</p> <p>c) collect things</p> <p>d) understand</p> <p>3 a) extremely good</p> <p>b) not yet done</p> <p>c) not yet paid</p> <p>4 a) decay, go bad</p> <p>b) give someone a treat</p> | <p>c) let people (especially children) have whatever they want and damage their characters</p> <p>d) prevent something being good</p> <p>5&7 (one meaning is correct for 5, the other for 7.)</p> <p>a) take away someone's right to take part in something.</p> <p>b) tell someone about a possible problem beforehand.</p> <p>6 a) untrue</p> <p>b) incorrect</p> <p>c) not sincere</p> <p>d) unfaithful</p> <p>8 a) a long strip of plastic for recording sounds</p> <p>b) a narrow strip of doth</p> <p>c) a ribbon held across the finishing line of a race</p> <p>d) sticky plastic for sticking things together</p> |
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PART TWO: WRITING :(6points)

Write a paragraph to describe the atmosphere in a stadium during a football match that you followed. The following questions may help you write your paragraph:

- What did the spectators feel?
- What were they saying?
- What were they doing?
- What was the score at the end of the match?

PART THREE: Language in use (3 points)

Write the correct word for each gap. Chose from the following

Talent ; drew ; eliminated ; hosted ; quarter-finals; tournament ;round

Write your answer like in the example: 1- **hosted**

— Sénégal (1) the 18th African Nations Cup. Their team consisted of a mixture of local (2) and professionals based in Europe. Led by the experienced Jules Bocande, Sénégal produced one outstanding player, Victor Diagne. Sénégal succeeded in the opening (3) of the (4) but were beaten by Cameroon in the (5). All the North African teams were (6) from the competition in the first round. Cameroon (7) 1-1 with Zaïre. The two semi-final matches were between Nigeria and Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon.