

Part One: Reading

A) Comprehension. (8pts)

**Read the text carefully then do the activities.*

We all want to win because these days victory is the key to happiness, to earthly paradise. Success at all costs is the motto of our modern world. The determination to win at any price has corrupted the sense of sportsmanship which Baron Pierre de Coubertin wished to infuse into the Olympic Games when he said in 1908 that the main thing was not to win but to take part.

Why does this mentality exist? Is it because of the sheer pleasure that people feel at winning, at coming first? We all know that is not so. The great principles that informed sport only a few decades ago have given way to less noble ones that are more in tune with the consumer society in which we live.

Sport has become too connected to big business. Sport companies are making massive profits. They are spending huge sums on advertising and sponsorship. Sporting success now offers material rewards that bear no relation to the benefits of sport. In addition, some of those who profit from the exploits of athletes urge them to use, to detriment of their health, drugs that are capable of boosting their short-term performance but invariably take a heavy toll later on. These pressures, coupled with personal ambition and the demands of team-mates, sporting and commercial organizations, come to carry more weight than warning about the risks of doping. Sporting champions, then are faced with the dilemma of whether to use drugs or other stimulants to improve their performance or whether to abstain and accept that their opponents who use them will have the edge over them.

Doping runs counter to the very nature of sport, since it denies athletes a chance to excel through their own unaided endeavours. By giving an unfair advantage to one competition over the others, it violates the rules of competitive sport. It corrupts athletes morally and physically, undermines the image society has of them.

Doping not only contravenes the spirit of fair competition, it can be seriously detrimental to health. Elite athletes who turn to doping take the greatest risks which seem to pale in contrast to their burning desire for gold. Anabolic steroids affect cardiovascular and mental health and are associated with an increased risk of hypertension, tachycardia, stroke, seizures and death.

1- Choose the right answer.

The text is: a) narrative b) expositive c) argumentative.

2- Are these statements true or false?

a- The ideals of sport are respected nowadays.

b- Victory at any price was the aim of Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

c- Doping has a close link with the consumer society.

d- Athletes care about their health.

3- In which paragraph is it mentioned that athletes undergo pressures to use drugs?

4- Fill in the table with information from the text.

Reasons of doping	Drawbacks of doping
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5- Answer the following questions according to the text.

- What is the sense of sportsmanship?
- What do athletes use drugs for?
- What is the very nature of sport?

6- What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- Ones (§2)
- them. (§3)

B) Text Exploration. (7pts)

1) Find in the text words whose definitions follow.

- Financing a project or an event carried out by another person or group in return for advertising. (3§)
- Helping something to increase, improve, or become more successful (3§)

2) Complete the table as shown in the example.

	Verb	Noun	Adjective
example	To live	Life	Alive
	To improve
	Success
	Modern

3) Rewrite sentence (B) so that it means the same as sentence (A)

- Sport should provide an opportunity for people to express themselves
 - People.....to express themselves through sport.
- "Did doping exist in the past?" they asked.
 - They asked
- Despite the development of advanced drug testing systems, doping in sport is on the increase.
 - Although
- Top sport people are making good profits.
 - Good profits

4- Connect the pairs of sentences using the word in brackets.

- 1- Some athletes don't respect the great principles of sport. They risk their lives when taking drugs. (if)
- 2- Ben Johnson was banned from International competitions. He regretted having used drugs. (wished)

5- Underline the stressed syllable

Athletic - motivation - integrity - corrupt.

6- Fill in the gaps with only 4 words from the list.

challenge - influence - health - fair - should - athlete - performance.

This is unfair! Sponsorship, advertising and money making for top sports people have led to a situation where the comes in a second position. Deaths under the of drugs are not uncommon in sport.

In fact, sport provide an opportunity for people to express themselves and can provide a

Part Two: Written Expression (5pts)

- Choose one of the following topics.

Topic one: "Doping is dishonest because it favours athletes over others."

- Do you agree? Why? Why not.

Topic Two:

Some people think that advertising is more likely to harm consumers than serve them.

- What is your opinion? Justify.