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	Coefficient : 1.5
Section : SPORT	SESSION DE CONTRÔLE

Le sujet comporte 4 pages

## THE TEXT

1. Sport goes beyond a measure of athletics excellence and the winning of trophies and medals. Sport is an integral thread in the fabric of society as it enriches our daily lives. Most of us have a favorite sport we play or follow with a passion be it soccer, rugby, swimming, cycling, athletics, winter sports or our national games of hurling, football and handball.

2. Sport also teaches us about honest effort, commitment and fair play. The most honorable among us are perhaps those who have competed in sport and hold true **its** finest principles. True winners are those who achieve their goals through talent, skill, training, motivation and rising to all the challenges their sports present. Increasingly, however, a “**win at all costs**” ethos that undermines the very integrity of sport has entered the arena and a new game is at stake, the dangerous and sometimes deadly game of doping.

3. Athletes have taken performance-enhancing agents since the beginning of time. An alarming number of sports – baseball, football, track and field and especially cycling – have been shaken by doping scandals in recent years. Among the many banned drugs in the cycling is r-EPO, an artificial hormone that stimulates the production of red blood cells, thereby delivering more oxygen to the muscles.

4. Doping is not just a symptom of elite competition, it is also prevalent in amateur sports and school sports. Doping not only contravenes the spirit of fair competition, it can also be seriously detrimental to health. Elite athletes who turn to doping take the greatest risk which can reduce the competitiveness of certain competitions.

Adapted from <http://www.theathlete.org>

## READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (5 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the right option. (1 mark)

The text is mainly about

- a) Doping as a sign of fair play.
- b) How damaging doping is.
- c) The benefits of doping.

2. The following statements are FALSE. Pick out details from the text to correct them. (2 marks)

- a) Sport teaches us physical skills only. (Paragraph 2)

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- b) Doping is a new phenomenon. (Paragraph 3)

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3. Tick (✓) the correct alternative. (1 mark)

“win at all costs” (paragraph 2) means

- a) Fair play.
- b) Using honest means to win.
- c) Winning regardless of the means used.

4. What does the underlined word in paragraph 2 refer to? (1 mark)

its refers to.....

## LANGUAGE (10 marks)

1) Select 7 words from the box below to complete the paragraph. (0.5x7=3.5 marks)

contents – but – degree – distance – conducted – of – lecturers – because – lectures

E-learning is also known as electronic learning. Classes are not face-to-face. E-learning instead takes an older model of ① ..... learning and replaces it with technology. Classes are ② ..... over the Internet, and may include videos, ③ ....., and forums for participation. Tests are also taken online. There are many benefits of e-learning. For example, students who obtained a ④ ..... from an accredited university but took all classes online, better retained the course ⑤ ..... . Students must engage in discussions via forums, supporting their ideas with assigned readings. Moreover, the amount ⑥ ..... supported discussion is much greater. Other benefits include convenience, ⑦ ..... students can study at any time. They aren't limited to daytime or weekdays.

2) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (0.5x7= 3.5 marks)

The idea of exploring the beauty of the North Pole is attractive. Tour operators offer a number of expeditions around the ① (**pole**) ..... region. There are trips that trace the footsteps of the ② (**explore**) ..... who first charted the region, as ③ (**good**) ..... as ones that bring you up close to the icy habitats of penguins and seals. It sounds wonderful, but is it ④ (**real**) ..... a good idea to travel to such a fragile environment? Earlier this year, a Russian research base, set up ⑤ (**study**) ..... climate change, sank through the ice. The twelve researchers were unhurt but the incident shows how ⑥ (**danger**) ..... the region can be. Global warming is causing the ice that covers the Arctic Ocean at the North Pole to melt, ⑦ (**make**) ..... the movement of ice sheets unpredictable.

**3) Circle the right option. (0.5x6= 3 marks)**

A 17-year-old student from Texas is to become the first American to graduate from the world's leading ballet school, the Bolshoi Ballet Academy. Joy Womack (**has lived/lived/is living**) by herself in Moscow, Russia, for three years, more than 6,000 miles away from her home in Austin, (**to attend/attended/attending**) the school. Now, after years of dancing for ten hours a day and six days a week, Joy is preparing to (**take/spend/sit**) for her finals and graduate in May.

“Nothing can compare to the rigor and the mental (**weakness/strength/disability**) it takes to train at the top of our school” Joy told NBC News. Having started dancing at the tender age of three, Joy had (**yet/ already/so**) banked years of preparation in (**prestigious/dangerous/previous**) American ballet schools.

**WRITING (5 marks)**

Your friend is a basketball player, but he/she is a heavy smoker. Write him/her an email to advise him/her to quit smoking. Focus on the harmful effects of cigarettes on health.

Dear Samir(a)

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Yours,  
Ahmad /Fatma