

BACCALAUREAT
SESSION 2010



Coefficient : 2
Durée : 3 h

LANGUE VIVANTE 2: ANGLAIS

SÉRIE A2

Cette épreuve comporte trois (03) pages numérotées 1/3, 2/3 et 3/3.

Do all the activities of this examination paper on your answer sheet.

PART ONE : READING 40%

Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

Women athletes have had to overcome what society dictates

The legendary “Babe” Didrikson Zaharias, who mastered many a sport and competed alongside men in golf, finally succumbed to wearing makeup and dresses so that society would deem her “feminine.”

5 In the 1992 Olympic Games, Algerian middle-distance runner Hassiba Boulmerka received death threats – not support – from some people in her country. They objected to the Muslim woman running in the track and field competition dressed in shorts and a sleeveless top. She should cover herself, they said and not run with naked legs in front of thousands of men. Hassiba replied she was an athlete and was appropriately dressed for the competitions.

10 It has been a long hard struggle for women. When the modern Olympic Games started in 1896, there were no women athletes. Four years later, at the Paris Olympics, Charlotte Cooper became the first woman to win a gold medal (in tennis). By the 1996 Olympics, the number of women athletes competing in those games increased by 36 percent; unfortunately, today men still outnumber women by at least two to one in the Olympic Games.

15 In the United States opportunities for girls and women to participate in high school and college sports were few until the passage of the Title IX legislation in 1972. Title IX prohibited gender discrimination in federally funded schools and universities. However, progress was slowed by the entrenched practices of schools and colleges dominated by male athletic programs and the Supreme Court’s 1984 Grove City decision, which weakened the law. Then, in 1998, athletes such as Flo Hyman (winner of a silver medal in volleyball in the 1984 Olympics) and Wilma Rudolph (1960
20 Olympic gold medal winner in track) lobbied with activists to pass the Civil Rights Restoration Act. That act ensured that girls and women would not be discriminated against in high school and college athletic programs. Today in the U.S. over one-third of all female students in high school play sports, and the number of women participating in university sports has tripled.

25 Women now compete in almost every sport, whether the competition is team, individual, or mixed gender. There are thousands of women athletes worldwide. The following vignettes of women athletes span different sports and time periods. Each worked hard to become the best athlete she could be.

Source : *Forum*, January 2001.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A. Match the words from the text in box A with their definitions or meanings in box B.

Write your answers like this: 1 – competed i. – took part in a competition

A	B
1. competed (L. 1)	a. consider
2. alongside (L. 1)	b. uncovered, exposed
3. makeup (L. 2)	c. menaces
4. deem (L. 2)	d. are more numerous than
5. threats (L.5)	e. cosmetics
6. naked (L. 7)	f. grew bigger, raised
7. struggle (L. 9)	g. extend to
8. increased (L. 12)	h. fight
9. outnumber (L. 12)	i. took part in a competition
10. prohibited (L. 15)	j. stopped, interdicted
11. span (L. 26)	k. with

B. Read the text and give short answers to these questions.

1. Why did Didrikson Zaharias decide to change her look?
2. What did some Algerian men reproach Hassiba Boulmerka with?
3. Did women take part in the first Olympic Games?
4. Which year did the first women start competing?
5. Which female athlete won the first gold medal?
6. Which law was passed in 1972? What did it do?
7. Which female athlete fought for the Civil Rights Restoration Act?
8. What was the Civil Rights Restoration Act for?
9. Can women compete against men today? Justify your answer from the text.
10. What is the result of women's struggle in sport nowadays?

PART TWO: WRITING 40%

Do only one of the following tasks.

Task 1:

Asec defeated a Nigerian team in a football match. The angry Nigerian supporters destroyed their stadium. As the chairperson of the national section of "Fair-Play" (a Non-Governmental Organisation), write a letter to the Chairman of the Nigerian Football Federation. Disagree with their attitude and give them pieces of advice.

Use these arguments :

- sport gives good health
- sport is a means of friendship
- sport is a means of togetherness

(Not more than 25 lines)

Task 2:

As a member of an important association against gender discrimination, you have been invited to Liberia to give a conference about discrimination against women. Write down the speech that you will have to deliver in front of the President of Liberia and other personalities. (Not more than 25 lines)

PART THREE : LANGUAGE IN USE 20%

A. Choose the most appropriate words to complete the following sentences.

Example : 1 – among.

1. Cotton used to rank first (between-among-in-inside) cash crops from the North of Côte d'Ivoire.
2. Salmon lay their eggs in fresh water (where-therefore-although-despite) they live in salt water.
3. To build their nests, tailorbirds use their bills (as-for-alike-similar) needles.
4. Fountain pens first became available (for-since-about-during) a hundred years ago.
5. (On-As-With-For) its strong claws, a gopher is an excellent digger.
6. Drug addiction has resulted (in-of-for-to) many destroyed careers, and expulsion from school.
7. There are many ways of comparing the economy of one nation with (those-which-that-one) of another.
8. During war times, prisoners don't receive (humanitarian-human-humane-humanity) treatment.
9. When it's hot, rhinos take mud (bathes-baths-swimming-swim).
10. Nobody knows the time (that-about which-when-which) he will pass away.
11. The famous statue of Liberty, (which-who-whom-who's) stands in New York harbour, was a gift of France.

B. Select the appropriate words to fill in the numbered blanks in this text. There are more words than blanks.

devoted – words – aspects - urgent – considered – space – worthless – solving – worth – committed – conquering – disease

Example : 1 – worth

Although space research is important, some people and even many scientists think that it is not (1) it. Their criticism is based on two (2) of the space programme. The large sums of money (3) to the programme and the number of scientists (4) to it.

All this is (5) as a bid for international prestige and a (6) enterprise.

From the point of view of some religious people our effort should be directed to (7) social problems on earth rather than (8) the moon or any other place in (9) because poverty, ignorance and (10) are problems which deserve more (11) solutions.