

DEVOIR DE FIN DE SEMESTRE N°2

PART A: READING COMPREHENSION: (20pts)

I/ Choose the best alternative.

The text conveys the idea that:

- 1) Changing climate ensures suitable conditions for future winter Olympics.
- 2) Heating climate badly affects summer and winter Olympics alike.
- 3) Rising temperatures endanger the future of winter Olympics.

II/ Answer the following questions:

- 1) Would it be easy for most winter Olympics sites to organise the future games?
Justify from the text.
- 2) What may global warming result in towards the end of the 21st century?

III/ State the climatic signs which anticipate the suitable conditions for snow sport games.

IV/ Say whether the following statements are True or False. Justify with details from the text .

- 1) The unsuitable climatic conditions have increased only in the last five decades.
- 2) The climate crisis can affect all kinds of snow sports.

V/ Complete the table on the answer sheets with the measures taken in some previous Olympics to guarantee their occurrence.

VI/ Complete the sentences on the answer sheets with information from the text .

VII/ Explain the following sentence in your own words.

“...many regions will have to say goodbye to winter sports in the long run” (§6)

VIII/ find words in the text having the same meaning as the following:

- 1) path or direction (§2)
- 2) effects (§4)
- 3) severe (§5)

IX/ What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- 1) their (§2)
- 2) they (§3)
- 3) them (§4)

PART B: LANGUAGE: (10pts)

TASK ONE: Choose the right alternative.

The Middle East and North Africa regions (1)(has faced / have faced/ faced) water challenges for hundreds of years but the scale of water scarcity is now unprecedented with its effects on children, the poor, the marginalised and the (2)(more / many /most) vulnerable communities. Climate change, while not the sole cause (3)(for / to / about) water scarcity, is having a significant impact on the already fragile situation, (4)(result / resulting / resulted) in less rain for agriculture and the deterioration of the quality of fresh water reserves due to salt water intrusion and pollution. (5)(Another / Others / Other) factors include increasing population and urbanisation as people leave rural areas, rising agricultural (6)(demand / request / question) and deteriorating infrastructure. This is compounded in many countries by limited water management because of conflicts including wars and territorial disputes. (7)(Although / Despite / Because) the scarcity challenges in the region, water continues to be undervalued. In countries (8)(where / which / whose) water is undervalued, water conservation is inhibited and water is (9)(wisely / wise / unwisely) wasted. Intense water scarcity is expected to displace large numbers of people globally by 2030. By 2050, desertification alone will (10)(threat / threaten / threatens) the livelihood of nearly 1 billion people in approximately 100 countries.

TASK TWO: Express the following sentences differently starting as shown on the answer sheets.

- 1) This factory recycles plastic.
- 2) Air pollution causes many dangerous diseases.
- 3) If glaciers don't continue to shrink, many polar animals will not disappear.
- 4) "The temperatures will rise sharply next summer", environmentalists expected.
- 5) Many pristine areas are spoilt by man's interference and carelessness .

PART C: WRITING TASKS: (10pts)

TASK ONE: Re-order the following parts to get a coherent sentence:

- a) they can destroy or contaminate entire water supplies,
- b) When natural disasters such as floods hit,
- c) to which children are particularly vulnerable.
- d) increasing the risk of diseases like cholera and typhoid

TASK TWO: ESSAY

The accumulated uncollected domestic rubbish flooding the streets of Sfax for months is endangering not only the environment but also people.

Develop this idea in a 15-line essay.

The Text:

1- Rising temperatures caused by the escalating climate crisis mean future Winter Olympics will struggle to find host cities with enough snow and ice, according to a study.

2- Only one of 21 previous Winter Olympics locations would be able to reliably host the Games in the future if global greenhouse gas emissions remain on their current trajectory, the report says. The findings show that cities such as Vancouver, Turin and PyeongChang may become unsuitable locations for the Winter Olympics by the end of the century, with global heating leading to increasingly unsafe and unfair competition conditions.

3- Researchers used a survey completed by 339 elite-level athletes and coaches to devise four climatic indicators that predict fair and safe conditions for snow sport competitions: unacceptably high or low temperatures, rain, wet snow, and poor snow coverage. They found the frequency of unfair and unsafe conditions had increased over the past 50 years in locations where the Winter Olympics were previously held, and that this trend is likely to continue.

4- “No sport can escape the impacts of a changing climate. Achieving the Paris agreement targets is critical to save snow sports as we know them and ensure there are places across the world to host the Winter Olympics”, said Daniel Scott, a researcher at the University of Surrey and lead author of the study.

5- Temperatures at the Games have been increasing steadily, leading host cities to take ever more drastic measures to ensure competitions can take place. In 2010, Vancouver resorted to transporting snow by helicopter during the Games, and in 2014 in Sochi, the warmest city to host the Winter Olympics, organisers stored tonnes of snow from the previous winter for use in emergencies. This year’s Winter Olympics in Beijing relied almost entirely on artificial snow.

6- Sören Ronge, a campaigner at Protect Our Winters Europe, said: “If no action is taken to reduce climate change, many regions will have to say goodbye to winter sports in the long run. Resorts at lower altitudes will feel this first and many have already been forced to close.” Ronge also pointed out that “Governments must prioritise reducing emissions through cleaner energy and transportation solutions, or there will be no more winter sports to celebrate at the Olympic Winter Games and no more family trips to the mountains.”

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PART A: READING COMPREHENSION: (20pts)

I/ The best alternative: (1pt)

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II/ Answers: (2pts)

1) (.....).....

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2) a)

b)

III/ The climatic signs: (2pts)

1)

2)

3)

4)

IV / True or False Statements: (3pts)

1) (.....).....

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2) (.....).....

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V/ Table Completion: (1.5pts)

<u>years</u>	<u>measures</u>
2010
2014
2022

VI/ Sentence Completion: (3 pts).

- 1) The Paris agreement aims not only to.....
but also.....
- 2) Sören Ronge thinks that it's the duty of governments to
.....
If these governments don't do so, there will be
..... nor
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VII/ Sentence explanation: (1.5pts)

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VIII/ Vocabulary Items: (3pts)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

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IX/ References: (3pts)

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

PART B: LANGUAGE TASKS: (10pts)

TASK ONE: (5pts)

1)	6)
2)	7)
3)	8)
4)	9)
5)	10)

TASK TWO: (5pts)

- 1) It is a factory.
- 2) Dangerous diseases
- 3) Unless.....
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- 4) Environmentalists expected that
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- 5) If only

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PART C: WRITING TASKS: (10pts)

TASK ONE: (2pts)

The right order: 1 >> / 2 >> / 3 >> / 4 >>

TASK TWO: Essay (8pts)

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