

A. Choose the appropriate words in brackets to make the passage meaningful.

Write your answers like the example. Example: 1. between

About 165 million children (1) (in/between/at) the age of 5 and 14 are involved in child labour, according to a new report by the International Labour Organization (ILO) released in Geneva, Switzerland.

Most of the children in (2) (more/much/several) countries across the globe including Nigeria work long hours in (3) (comfortable/dangerous/serious) conditions. While calling on governments to (4) (prioritise/finalize/practise) education as means of preventing child labour, the ILO stated child labour is (5) (simply/firmly/closely) associated with poverty.

Many poor families are (6) (able/unable/capable) to afford school fees or other school costs. The family may (7) (rely/lie/depend) on the contribution that a working child makes to the household's (8) (income/expenses/profit), education. And when a family has to make a (9) (difference/choice/balance) between sending either a boy or a girl to school, it is often the girl who (10) (wins/goes/loses) out.

In order to (11) (meet/find/avoid) the Millennium Development Goal, the ILO called for a good quality education for children irrespective of gender..

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B. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words from the box below. Some words can be used more than once. Write your answers like the example. Example: 1 - on

later – from – in – of – on – up – with

When Mrs. Martha Onuch watched (1) ..... TV recently, how one of the women Non Governmental Organisation (2) ..... Nigeria hailed and rewarded some grown up girls (3) ..... about 16 and 17 years of age at a ceremony in Lagos (4) ..... January 24<sup>th</sup> for keeping their virginity in this society full (5) ..... temptations, she was so moved and vowed that such honour would never elude her if the organisation would be consistent (6) ..... the awards.

At least, she has a 2 ½ year old girl, Ojemene, whom she has promised to guide safety to clinching such honour. As a devout member of a well-known congregation, the mother (7) ..... five had relied (8) ..... the biblical injunction as enshrined in the Book, that says when you “train a child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart (9) ..... it”.

But little did she know that barely three month (10) ....., her dreams would be dealt (11) ..... by a cruel and devastating blow by someone she least expected.

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## 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.