



EXAMEN NORMALISÉ 1^{er} SEMESTRE

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Niveau : 2ac

Matière : Anglais

TEXT:



An amazing sporting comeback

Lance Armstrong was born in 1971 in Texas, USA. From an early age, he loved riding bikes. Some days, he used to ride to the Oklahoma border. This was a long way from his house and his mum used to take the car and pick him

up. He won lots of races when he was young and in 1993 he became the youngest world champion ever. Later, in 1995 he won the "Cyclist of the year" award.

Armstrong was the world's number one cyclist. But in October of 1996 he was riding in a race when he stopped because he was in terrible pain. He went to hospital and the news was bad. It was cancer. It looked like his cycling days were over.

for fun and he learned to love to bike again. He was back.

The next two years were very Difficult for Armstrong. He was in and out of hospital. But in 1998 he decided to start cycling again. In the beginning he had no success. He wanted to stop for good. Luckily, He went riding with a few friends just

Armstrong started races and in 1999 he raced in the famous "Tour de France". Unbelievably, he won. It was an amazing success story. But he didn't stop there. He won the "Tour de France" for the next six years. In 2005, Armstrong decided to stop cycling. But his name is going to be in the sporting history books forever.

(6 pts) I/- Reading comprehension:

2 pts **A Are these statements True or False ? Justify.**

1- Armstrong used to ride to the Oklahoma border with his mum.

2- Armstrong stopped cycling for two years.

2 pts **B- Answer these questions :**

1- What did Armstrong find out when he went to hospital in 1996 ?

2- How did Armstrong start cycling again?

1 pt **C- What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?**

1- him (parag 1) :

2- there (parag 4) :

1 pt **D- Find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as :**

1- prize: (parag 1)

2- incredibly: (parag 4)

(8 pts) II/- Language :

2 pts **A- Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense :**

1- My friend usually(go) rollerblading at the weekend, but this week he(go) to the cinema.

2- **Jane** :(you ; go) camping when you (be) young ?
Tom : Yes, at the age of five.

2 pts

B- Circle the correct answer :

1- **Steve** : What are you doing under the bed ?

Phil : I'mmy sunglasses.

- a/ taking off b/ looking after c/ looking for

2- Stella download all the songs from the internet. She's already got some of them in her MP3 player.

- a/ doesn't have to b/ have to c/ has to

3- Maria started learning Italian three months

- a/ now b/ after c/ ago

4- **Ted** : Whose car is that ?

Sue : It's not It's my father's.

- a/ me b/ mine c/ yours

2 pts

C- Put the words between brackets in the correct form :

1- The school band gave a concert in the park last week. It was
(succeed).

2- Mrs. Brown had a car crash, but she was(**luck**) to escape with no injuries.

2 pts

D- Complete the unfinished words. The first letter is given :

1- Amy's grandfather was a **f**.....He saved loads of people from dangerous fires.

3- Collecting video games is my favorite **h**..... .

(6 pts)

III/- WRITING:

Once, you had a problem with your best friend.

Tell us about:

- The problem.
- How it happened.
- What you did to solve it.
- Etc...

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