

BAC EXAM SESSION JULY 2013

A FOOTBALL LEGEND

/1/ Professional football player Lionel Messi was born on June 24th 1987, in Rosario, Argentina. He started football at the age of 8, playing for the Newell's Old Boys-a team in his native town.

/2/ As a kid, Messi was smaller than most of the boys he played with, he was suffering from a hormone deficiency that restricted his growth. Medication was costly and Messi's parents couldn't pay for it. At the age of 13, Messi was offered an opportunity to play for Barcelona and have his medical bills paid by the team. So, the whole family moved across the Atlantic to Spain.

/3/ Messi was famous for being short and rapid with a fierce style of play. He was soon compared to another well-known Argentinian footballer: Diego Maradona. Messi moved quickly through the ranks of the team's junior system, and by the age of 16, he made his first appearance for Barcelona. He put himself in the record books on May 1, 2005, as the youngest player to ever score a goal. That same year he led Argentina to the title in the under-20 World Cup.

/4/ In recent years Messi has become one of the highest paid football players, earning an estimated \$18 million a year. He has justified that he is worth that price by leading Barcelona to a lot of success; his team won the Champions League, La Liga, and Spanish Club titles in 2009. That same year, he took home the FIFA World Player of the Year award.

/5/ Even Maradona, the renowned retired player, has praised Messi. "I see him as very similar to me," he told the BBC. "He's a leader. He is offering lessons in beautiful football. He has something different from any other player in the world".

/6/ Messi became the first player to score five goals in a Champions League match in early March. By the end of 2012, he had scored 91 goals in club and international matches. Therefore, he broke one more record. In January 2013, Messi was named the FIFA Ballon d'Or winner for the fourth time.

I. COMPREHENSION :

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER FROM THE LIST .

The text is mainly about :

- 1- Messi's biography .
- 2- Messi's childhood
- 3- Messi family .

B. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS :

- 1- Why did Messi's family move to Spain ?
- 2- How much money does Messi earn each year ?
- 3- What did Messi achieve in 2012?

C. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES :

- 1- The first team Messi played for was
- 2- Maradona thinks that Messi

D. FILL IN THE CHART WITH THE RIGHT INFORMATION FROM THE TEXT :

Year	Messi's awards and performances
2005	Messi put himself in the record books
.....	Messi won the FIFA Worlds Player of the Year
2013	Messi

E. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS :

- 1- expensive (paragraphe 2)
- 2- fast (paragraphe 3)
- 3- famous (paragraphe 5)

F. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO :

- 1- native town (paragraphe 1)
- 2- team (paragraphe 4)
- 3- He (paragraphe 5)

II . LANGUAGE :

A. GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS BETWEEN BRACKETS :

Hanane Al Fadili is a famous Moroccan (art) ; her performances always reflect great talent and (creative)

B. FILL IN EACH GAP WITH AN APPROPRIATE WORD FROM THE LIST :

community - subject - illiteracy - local - higher

- 1 - Narjiss hopes to continue her education in Montpellier for a PhD degree .
- 2- "Adult is an issue that should be given priority in our educational system".

C. PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE :

- 1- Yesterday, Laura went to the English club after she (finish) her homework .
- 2- "I (work) in this medical centre for more than ten years now," Doctor Wilson said .
- 3- By the end of 2015, the government (create) more job opportunities .

D. FILL IN EACH GAP WITH AN APPROPRIATE WORD FROM THE LIST :

where - whose - which - whom - who

- 1- The Wilsons celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in the restaurant they first met .
2- Latifa lost the iPhone cost her 5000DH

E. REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS INDICATED :

- 1- Students must hand in the project work after the vacation .
The project work
2- "I'll come in the evening," Susan said
Susan told me

D. MATCH EACH EXPRESSION WITH ITS APPROPRIATE FUNCTION :

1- For me, children should not watch horror films .	a- purpose
2 - This washing machine is not only cheap but also efficient .	b- opinion
3 -"Could you fix this wheel for me, please ?"	c- request
4 -Nicole took a taxi so as to be in time for the interview	d- addition

III . WRITING :

Use the information in the chart to write a report for your school magazine about the 28th Marathon des Sables (the Sand Marathon) which was held in April 2013 .

Aim of the Marathon	- to collect money for the poor
Date and Place	- from April 5 to 15 ; in the South of Morocco / near Ouarzazate
Distance	- about 240km
Competition rules	competitors carry basic supplies (food, clothes, medical kit, sleeping bag etc) . Water is distributed every 10 km ...
Participants	- 1017, men and woman, aged 18 up to 80 years / from all over the world
Winners	- women's race : Laurence Klein (France)- men's race : Mohamed Ahansal (Morocco)
Prize ceremony	- winners received awards
Conclusion	- your opinion about the event