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SPORTS JOURNALISM

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer Question 1, which is compulsory, and then any FOUR of the remaining questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
1. Indicate in which sports the following apply and what they mean:
- a) Short head
 - b) Doosra
 - c) Googly
 - d) Full house
 - e) Albatross
 - f) Yellow card
 - g) Le Mans
 - h) Bernabéu
 - i) Rolling maul
 - j) Barbarians
- [2 each]
2. One of the key events for spectators at the Olympic Games is the Women's Heptathlon. Name the events which comprise this contest. [20]
3. Define the following terms:
- a) OB
 - b) Crawler
 - c) Helvetica
 - d) Pundit
 - e) LBW
 - f) Technical KO
 - g) Flush
 - h) Home run
 - i) Slam dunk
 - j) Eagle
- [2 each]
4. Your sports editor has decided to include a leader column (opinion piece) each week. He asks you to write 150 words on one of the following subjects:
- a) Are drugs ruining cycling?
 - b) Is money destroying football?
 - c) Should prize money for women's tennis equal men's?
- [20]

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5. The following unacceptable report has been received from a correspondent who is also the treasurer of Newtown City. Re-write it, removing any defamation or bias from the report, to a maximum of 100 words.

Newtown City were unlucky to lose their relegation battle 5-0 against Newtown United. City had four appeals for a penalty turned down which suggests that the referee was got at by United directors. No doubt he will receive at least a gold watch or new car for his efforts. He was easily United's best player.

With the score at 0-1 to United and City fighting back strongly, the referee took the players off the pitch as fighting broke out in the main stand and fans spilled over on to the pitch. After the resumption – the delay lasted 15 minutes – United gained the upper hand when City's captain, the mild-mannered Maurice Moses, was sent off after appealing for a justified penalty.

City chairman David Westham said he would ask for the result to be annulled and for referee Angus McDonald to be removed from the game.

Rioting broke out again at the end of the game and 17 supporters were arrested and two policemen slightly injured.

United manager said the game was spoilt by City players who were guilty of kicking and biting his players. Although the referee had long ago been on United's books as a junior player he was fairness personified. As for the sending off, he felt Moses was lucky to be on the pitch after hitting the goalkeeper with a rabbit punch and then kicking him in the back. [20]

6. You have been given permission to conduct an email interview either with Maria Sharapova or Lionel Messi who are to visit your country as goodwill ambassadors to support sport for children. Draft TWENTY questions you would send. Avoid asking for information which is obviously available in the public domain. [1 each]
7. You are to commentate on a major football match that kicks off at 5 p.m. However, you will be on the air at 4.45 p.m. What information do you broadcast during that time to keep listeners interested? [20]
8. Write a 150-word profile on your favourite sporting personality, giving sufficient facts to justify your choice. [20]