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OPTION A

GERMANS UNEXPECTEDLY WIN OLYMPIC PAIRS FIGURE SKATING

- 1 Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot of Germany unexpectedly won the gold medal in pairs figure skating, rising from fourth place after the short program with a stirring performance of passion, power and control. They broke their own world record with 159.31 points for a long program. But it was not even clear that Massot would be able to compete in these Winter Olympics until November. He is a native of France and only on his third try did he pass a written exam required to gain his German citizenship. The German skating federation paid France more than \$30,000 to obtain Massot's release from having to wait three years to compete for a new country.
- 10 Learning enough German to gain citizenship had been stressful, Massot, 29, said in an interview in November, describing it as more nerve-racking than performing in an arena before 15,000 people.
- Savchenko, too, has competed for more than one country. Country hopping is a frequent exercise in Olympic sports, especially in the Winter Games. She is a native of Ukraine and competed for that former Soviet republic at the 2002 Winter Games. In 2003, she moved to Germany to join a pairs team with Robin Szolkowy. Together, they won five world championships along with bronze medals at the 2010 and 2014 Winter Olympics.
- When Szolkowy retired, Savchenko chose Massot as her new partner. They were soon headed to the top of the medal podium.

QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

Did people think that Savchenko and Massot would win the gold medal? Why or why not?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST 2 WORDS AND THE LAST TWO WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

2.1. These Winter Olympics have been Savchenko and Massot's best achievement.

- 2.2. Bruno Masson gained his German citizenship easily because he was able to speak German fluently.
- 2.3. Savchenko chose Massot as her new partner because she didn't like her previous partner.

[3] CHOOSE *a*, *b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- a) Bruno Masson was only allowed to compete for Germany when Germany received around \$30,000 from France.
- b) It is a common practice to compete for different countries in the Winter Games.
- c) Savchenko has competed only for one country, Germany.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) went from one place to another
- b) not separatedly

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) attempt
- d) needed
- e) freedom

[5] COMPLETE TASKS **a** AND **b** ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1 Complete: "If the German skating federation had not..."

5.2 Put into the passive "The German skating federation had to pay France more than \$30,000 to obtain Massot's release".

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

What are the benefits of international events such as the Olympic Games?



OPTION B

ALIENS HAVE STAR-POWERED SPACESHIPS

1 A couple of scientists from the well-respected Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics recently wrote an astrophysics paper that is so awesome that it will make you want to read an astrophysics paper. The scientists have been puzzling over some weirdly strong light bursts in space, and they've come up with an explanation: aliens.

5 It all started when an astrophysicist noticed a mysterious beam of light. It was short but intense. Like, 500 million times the power of the sun intense. Space is full of strange light, so that's no big deal, right? Wrong, apparently. Scientists have been trying to figure out what the burst could be for 10 years, and they still don't know. Some think it is a massive, particularly weird star that collapsed into its core. Or maybe it is a solar flare that somehow managed to travel across the known universe. Or ... Yep. Aliens. At least, that's what the Harvard-Smithsonian scientists are proposing. You can start freaking out now.

15 Here's the theory: there is a faraway alien civilization that uses artificial beams to power spaceships with light sails. They use energy from a star and cool their beam machine with planet-sized buckets of water. Cool, right? We're not talking about boring, single-celled aliens here. We're talking about an advanced civilization, way more advanced than, you know, us. It's still a theory, but discovering alien life would mean a total change in how we view reality.

QUESTIONS

[1] ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ACCORDING TO THE TEXT AND USING YOUR OWN WORDS (10 TO 20 WORDS) (2 POINTS).

What makes some scientist think that there may be an advanced alien civilization?

[2] ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? INDICATE THE LINE(S) IN THE TEXT AND COPY THE FIRST TWO WORDS AND THE LAST TWO WORDS SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICE? (1.5 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- 2.1. Astrophysics papers may usually be boring but at least this one is very interesting.
- 2.2. There are different hypotheses for the burst that has been discovered.
- 2.3. Human beings are much more intelligent than any possible aliens.

[3] CHOOSE *a, b* OR *c*. ONLY ONE CHOICE IS CORRECT ACCORDING TO THE TEXT (0.5 POINTS).

- a) A couple of scientists have found evidence that some aliens will land on Earth in ten years' time.
- b) A planet where aliens are likely to live is thought to be 500 million times bigger than the sun.
- c) One of the possible explanations to a strange light burst discovered in space is aliens' activity.

[4] VOCABULARY (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.4 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a reason you give for something that has happened
- b) the part inside an object that is nearest its centre

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) enormous
- d) yes
- e) distant

[5] COMPLETE TASKS 5.1 AND 5.2 ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

5.1. Join these two sentences using a relative pronoun: Some scientists have found a mysterious beam of light. They are trying to explain its origin.

5.2 Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: Discovering alien life would mean a total change in how we view reality.

[6] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (3 POINTS).

Do you believe in the existence of aliens?