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اختبار في مادة الإنجليزية

Read the passage carefully then do the activities.

A Sporting Choice

1. Every promising young sportsman in the world faces two difficult questions: Am I good enough to compete at the top level without performance-improving drugs? And if not, what should I do?
2. John Milton, who has spent most of his teenage years getting closer to the big time step by step, is in that dilemma right now. Hard training and a strict diet have developed him into an excellent sprinter ready for international selection. He is 19 years old, 1.85 metre tall, with broad muscular shoulders: the sort of son any parent would be proud of. Last year he left school with good grades, and now he is studying at university. His faultless behaviour has never caused his father or mother a sleepless night. But he is approaching a difficult choice — whether to take the drugs route, or to abandon, putting an end to a decade of discipline and determination.
3. The pressure to take drugs is great. But unlike some other junior athletes, John has tried only legitimate means of progress to reach his present level.
4. Normally, in the pre-drug period, athletes in his category would expect to reach top level around the age of 25. But such smooth, natural progress is becoming increasingly impossible. "If I'm not making it by 22, I know I'll have to take steroids or give up. Who wants to be the tenth best in Britain? The pressure isn't on superstars, it is on kids like me," John says.
5. Winning has been John's goal all along. He hates drugs "because they are immoral, because they damage the body." Moreover, his pride demands that he should achieve success without them.

SECTION ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (7 PTS)

Activity 1. Are there any direct quotations in the text? If so, how many?

Activity 2. On your answer sheet, fill in the table to describe the young man in the passage.

a) name	
b) age	
c) height	
d) shoulders - build	
e) occupation	
f) dilemma	

Activity 3. What or who do the underlined words in the passage refer to ?

his (§4)

it (§4)

them (§5)

Activity 4. Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Is John a well-behaved teenager? How do you know?
2. What makes John Milton different from other junior athletes?
3. Why does he hate the idea of using drugs?

