



EXAMEN DE INGLÉS

Last week I had my first random drugs test since the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002. It felt really strange and I was very nervous. You are supposed to declare any medication you are taking beforehand. Even though I am not using anything at the moment, I still think I should be writing something down on the form. If only I had done that a year and a half ago, I may still have had my Olympic bronze. But back then I never thought anything could go wrong. All I was concentrating on was doing well in the event. It was only when I was back in the Olympic Village and saw the press clippings that had been faxed through from home that it really sunk in. I had won the first – ever skiing medal for Britain. After a few days partying in my hometown of Aviemore, I was sitting around talking to my mum when the phone rang. That’s when I first heard that they had found traces of what appeared to be the banned substance metamphetamine in my urine sample, so were going to take my medal away. I could not believe what I was hearing. But even though I knew I was clean, I thought I was finished, that my career was over. Eventually we worked out that the positive test was caused by a Vicks nasal inhaler I had bought in the US and was using to clear my sinuses. I has always used the same decongestant in the UK and assumed it was safe. But the American version contained a tiny amount of levamfetamine, a mild form of the banned substance.

READING COMPREHENSION

1a. Indicate whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and write down the part of the text that supports your answer:

- a) The narrator was the first British skier ever to win a gold medal.
- b) The narrator was not aware of the possible consequences of using the inhaler.

1b. Answer these questions from the text in your own words:

- c) Did the narrator ever compete again after the disqualification?
- d) Did the recover psychologically from the incident?

VOCABULARY

2a. Explain the meaning of the following words and expressions from the text:

- a) clipping (line 6)
- b) sink in (line 7)

2b. Find words in the text that mean the following:

- c) made, done, etc. without method or conscious choice.
- d) forbidden.

GRAMMAR

3a. Choose the correct form from those given below:

- a) I have never imagined the outcome of my action.
must might may could
- b) I haven't told him.
still yet already had

3b. Finish each sentence so that it has exactly the same meaning as the one printed before it.

e.g. Eating fruit is healthy. >>> It is healthy to eat fruit.

- c) Somebody refurbished the house for me.

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d) They like doing the shopping themselves.

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COMPOSITION

4. In 60 – 100 words, describe the sport that you like practicing the most, if any.

