[1] Fatmire Bajramaj and her family ran away from Kosovo to Germany during the war in the early 1990s. She began playing football at the age of six without her father"s knowledge or permission. At first, she played after school with her older brother. Secretly, she joined a club team, using equipment that she borrowed from a team-mate. "My father wanted me to be a singer or an actress," Fatmire Bajramaj, who is known as Lira, said. "He told me that football was for men, not for women." Yet today, at 23, Lira is a midfielder on the German women"s national team.

[2] In Germany, a third of all children are born to immigrant families, and the issue of integration has become an urgent political concern. Heike Ullrich, the head of women"s football federation in Germany, said "football is for everybody, men, women, black, white, all races and religions. Everyone should have a chance to come in contact with the ball. **It** unites people."

[3] Lira was five when her family arrived in Germany and settled in a refugee centre. She said that she felt rejected by some locals as she went to and from school, hearing mocking remarks like „gypsies" and „go back where you come from." At the age of six she joined a club in Giesenkirchen and later played near Monchengladbach.

[4] "I was the only girl. At first the boys didn"t accept me. But when they saw I could play football, they decided to play with me. Later they were fighting about which team I should play with," she said. One day her father attended a match to watch her brother and by accident learned that his daughter had also taken up playing football. His response was surprise but not disapproval. "He told me I was very good. Now he is my biggest supporter," she said.

[5] In 2007, Lira played as a substitute when Germany won the World Cup final over Brazil. A year later, she scored both of Germany"s goals in a victory over Japan for the bronze medal at the Beijing Olympics. Her present club Turbine Potsdam won the European women"s Champions League title in 2010. "Playing football is what helped me integrate. First, I learnt the language. Later, I learnt a lot about the culture and the cities," Lira said.

[6] "If Lira is a star in the next World Cup, maybe girls who wear the jerseys of their favorite players on the men"s national team will start wearing **those** of the women"s national team players," said Ulf Gebken, a German specialist in sport and social integration.

I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS) BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (3 PTS)

1. Why did Lira's family move to Germany?

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2. Where did Lira's family stay when they came to Germany?

   ……..

3. Which club does Lira play for?

   ……

B. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWER. (3 PTS)

1. Lira started playing football at an early age.

   ……

2. Lira's brother doesn't play football.

   ……

3. Lira's father changed his mind about his daughter playing football.

   ……..

C. PICK OUT FROM THE TEXT SENTENCES OR PHRASES WHICH SHOW THAT: (2 PTS)

1. Some locals were not nice to Lira when she first came to Germany.

   ……

2. Many football teams were competing to have Lira play with them.

   ……

D. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. (3 PTS)

1. As Lira didn't have any equipment, she used to……..

   ……

2. Politicians in Germany are concerned about……..

   ……

3. At the Beijing Olympic games, Lira……..

   ……

E. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (2 PTS)

1. It (paragraph 2): ……..
2. those (paragraph 6): ……..

F. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS OR PHRASES THAT MEAN THE SAME AS: (2 PTS)

1. by chance (paragraph 4): ……..
2. replacement (paragraph 5): ……

A. FILL IN EACH GAP WITH AN APPROPRIATE WORD OR PHRASE FROM THE LIST. (3 PTS)

1. Hassan is looking forward to …… the new car he has just ordered.

drive - driving - have driven

2. By the end of next June, Brad …… from college.

graduates - will have graduated - has graduated

3. You've lost too much weight, you'd better …… a doctor.

see - seeing - to see

B. FILL IN EACH GAP WITH AN APPROPRIATE PHRASAL VERB FROM THE LIST. (2 PTS)

log on - take down - stand for - give up - make up

1. Ali decided to …… smoking when he became a father.
2. I rarely …….. to social networks like Facebook and Twitter.

C. GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS IN BRACKETS. (2 PTS)

1. We can't start our community project if we don't get any (finance) ……..…… aid.
2. We didn't receive your (apply) …… form in due time.

D. REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS INDICATED. (4 PTS)

1. "I have to leave work early to see the doctor," Kevin said.

   Kevin explained……..

2. People should avoid excessive use of the Internet.

   Excessive use of the Internet……..

3. Dounia Batma qualified for the Arab Idol finals. She will release her first album soon.

   Dounia Batma, ……..……..

4. Alice didn't win the national competition because she didn't train enough.

   If……

E. JOIN THE PAIRS OF SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS IN BRACKETS. (2 PTS)

1. Hind got the first prize. She made great efforts. (thanks to).

   ……..

2. New measures have been taken to reduce unemployment. Many people are still jobless.(despite)

   ……..

F. MATCH EACH EXPRESSION WITH ITS APPROPRIATE FUNCTION. (2 PTS)

Expressions	Functions
Could I use your computer to send an email? What do you mean by "sustainable"? I have no appetite these days, what should I do? Glad to hear that, congratulations!	a. expressing lack of understanding b. asking for advice c. making a request d. responding to good news

1. …….. 2. . …….. 3. . …….. 4. . ……..

WRITING (10 POINTS)

Foreign languages can help you a lot in your life. Write a short article to be published in your school magazine about the advantages of learning foreign languages.

KEY AND MARKING SCALE

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I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

A. Answer these questions. (3 pts)

1. Because of the war in Kosovo (they ran away from it).
2. In a refugee centre.
3. Turbine Potsdam.

B. Are these sentences true or false? Justify your answer. (3 pts)

1. **True.** "She began playing football at the age of six…" (paragraph 1)
2. **False.** "She played after school with her older brother." (paragraph 1)
3. **True.** "Now he is my biggest supporter." (paragraph 4)

C. Pick out from the text sentences or phrases which show that: (2 pts)

1. "She felt rejected by some locals… hearing mocking remarks like 'gypsies' and 'go back where you come from.'" (paragraph 3)
2. "Later they were fighting about which team I should play with." (paragraph 4)

D. Complete the following sentences. (3 pts)

1. borrow equipment from a team-mate.
2. the issue of integration (of immigrants).
3. scored both of Germany's goals in a victory over Japan (for the bronze medal).

E. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 pts)

1. Football
2. The jerseys

F. Find in the text words or phrases that mean the same as: (2 pts)

1. by accident
2. substitute

II. LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A. Fill in each gap with an appropriate word or phrase from the list. (3 pts)

1. driving
2. will have graduated
3. see

B. Fill in each gap with an appropriate phrasal verb from the list. (2 pts)

1. give up
2. log on

C. Give the correct form of the words in brackets. (2 pts)

1. financial
2. application

D. Rewrite the sentences as indicated. (4 pts)

1. Kevin explained **that he had to leave work early to see the doctor**.
2. Excessive use of the Internet **should be avoided**.
3. Dounia Batma, **who qualified for the Arab Idol finals, will release her first album soon**.
4. If **Alice had trained enough, she would have won the national competition**.

E. Join the pairs of sentences with the words in brackets. (2 pts)

1. **Hind got the first prize thanks to her great efforts.**
2. **Despite the new measures taken to reduce unemployment, many people are still jobless.**

F. Match each expression with its appropriate function. (2 pts)

1. making a request
2. expressing lack of understanding
3. asking for advice
4. responding to good news

III. WRITING (10 POINTS)

Model answers (any appropriate answer is accepted)

Model answer: The Advantages of Learning Foreign Languages In today's world, learning foreign languages is more important than ever. First, languages help us find better jobs, because many companies look for employees who speak English, French or Spanish. Second, they allow us to travel and communicate with people from other countries and to understand their cultures. Third, they give us access to books, films, websites and scientific research that are not available in our mother tongue. Moreover, learning a new language improves memory and makes us more open-minded. To sum up, foreign languages open doors to knowledge, work and friendship, so every student should learn at least one.