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ROLLERBLADING - SENSATIONAL SPEED

Rollerblading has become an integral part of American life. There is a U.S. Roller basketball league and police patrols on Rollerblades. But Rollerblades are causing such chaos on the streets that some U.S. cities are now passing laws against the sport...

Going through Central Park in New York on a Saturday afternoon you might think walking is illegal. Everyone is on Rollerblades, or in-line skates as they are more correctly called. It seems that everyone in America is skating these days, from the boardwalks of Venice, California, to the beaches of Miami, Florida. An estimated 20 million Americans have already put on a pair of in-line skates and set out for a ride.

Virtually unknown ten years ago, in-line skating has been America's fastest growing sport. And Rollerblades, or "blades" as they're often called, are an increasingly familiar sight in Europe. Skate manufacturers report that worldwide sales have at least doubled in each of the last ten years. What skateboarding was to the 1980s, in-line skating has become for the 1990s. But white skateboarding was a sport dominated by boys and young men, in-line skating has attracted men and women of all ages.

The increase in in-line skating is not just visible in the statistics given by skate manufacturers, but by hospitals as well. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated a doubling of skating injuries between 1993 and 1994. One problem is that beginners find it difficult to stop with in-line skates. The other problem is that one of the preferred playgrounds for skaters is the stairs and railings leading to public buildings. Cities like Washington and New York are banning skating in such areas.

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Vocabulaire :
a law : une loi.
in-line : en ligne.
a ride : un tour, une balade
an injury : une blessure
a railing : une rampe
to ban : interdire.

TRAVAIL A FAIRE PAR LE CANDIDAT

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COMPRÉHENSION :

1. Dites si les informations suivantes sont vraies ou fausses.
Cochez la bonne case et justifiez dans tous les cas votre réponse en citant le texte anglais. *(BEP : 3 pts ; CAP : 6 pts)*

a. Le roller fait partie de la société américaine.

☐ VRAI ☐ FAUX
Justification :
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b. Il existe des patrouilles de police en rollers.

☐ VRAI ☐ FAUX
Justification :
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c. Ce sport a mis du temps à se développer aux Etats-Unis.

☐ VRAI ☐ FAUX
Justification :
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d. Le roller est de plus en plus populaire en Europe.

☐ VRAI ☐ FAUX
Justification :
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e. Le roller n'est pratiqué que par les adolescents.

☐ VRAI ☐ FAUX
Justification :
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f. Le roller est un sport qui peut être dangereux.

☐ VRAI ☐ FAUX
Justification :
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2. Répondez aux questions suivantes en anglais et en faisant des phrases complètes. *BEP : 6 pts (1 pt/bonne réponse) ; CAP questions a et f seulement : 4 pts (2 pts par bonne réponse).*

a. What is the correct name for Rollerblades ?

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b. How many Americans had already practised in-line skating by the end of 1996 ?

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c. When did in-line skating develop ?

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d. What do skate manufacturers report about their sales ?

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e. Why is the increase in in-line skating visible in hospitals ?

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f. Where do skaters prefer practising ?

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3. a. Trouvez, dans le texte, les équivalents anglais des expressions suivantes : *1 point (0,5 pt par bonne réponse)*

- adopter des lois : …… - inconnu : ……

b. Trouvez, dans le texte, le contraire des mots suivants : *1 point (0,5 pt par bonne réponse)*

- legal # …… - easy # ……

COMPÉTENCE LINGUISTIQUE

4. Posez la question portant sur le mot ou le groupe de mots souligné(s). *(BEP et CAP : 4 pts)*

a. Rollerbladers cause <u>chaos</u> on the streets.

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b. <u>On Saturday afternoons</u> Central Park is invaded by skaters.

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c. Stopping with in-line skates is difficult for beginners.

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d. Washington and New York started banning skating in public areas in 1996.

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5. Complétez les phrases suivantes à l'aide des expressions proposées. *(BEP : 2 pts ; CAP : 4 pts)*

a. People often ..... Rollerblades "blades". **(calling** / **call** / **are called)**

b. in-line skating ..... unknown ten years ago. **(was** / **will be** / **has been)**

c. Sales ..... increased in the last ten years. **(is** / **has** / **have)**

d. People often go to Central Park ..... Saturday afternoons. **(in** / **on** / **at)**

PRODUCTION ÉCRITE *(BEP seulement : 3 points)*

6."Roller-skating" is different from "skateboarding". Give 3 reasons why you like (or don't like) skateboarding. (50 mots).

CORRIGE

I- COMPRÉHENSION

1. Dites si les informations suivantes sont vraies ou fausses. Cochez la bonne case et justifiez dans tous les cas votre réponse en citant le texte anglais. *BEP : 3 pts ; CAP : 6 pts (1/2 pt ou 1 pt par bonne réponse justifiée - O Si justification absente)*

a. **VRAI**. Le roller fait partie de la société américaine.
Rollerblading has become an integral part of American society.

b. **VRAI**. Il existe des patrouilles de police en rollers.
There are police patrols on Rollerblades

c. **FAUX**. Ce sport a mis du temps à se développer aux Etats-Unis.
In-line skating has been America's fastest growing sport.

d. **VRAI**. Le roller est de plus en plus populaire en Europe.
Rollerblades are an increasingly familiar sight in Europe.

e. **FAUX**. Le roller n'est pratiqué que par les adolescents.
In-line skating has attracted men and women of all ages.

f. **VRAI**. Le roller est un sport qui peut être dangereux.
The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated a doubling of skating injuries between 1993 and 1994.

2. Répondez aux questions suivantes en anglais et en faisant des phrases complètes.
BEP : 6 pts (1 pt/bonne réponse) ; CAP questions a et f seulement : 4 pts (2 pts par bonne réponse).

a. What is the correct name for Rollerblades ?
In-line skating is the correct name for Rollerblades ; they are often called "blades".

b. How many Americans had already practised in-line skating by the end of 1996 ?
20 million Americans had already practised in-line skating by the end of 1996.

c. When did in-line skating develop ?
In-line skating developed in the 90s.

d. What do skate manufacturers report about their sales ?
They have doubled each of the last 10 years.

e. Why is the increase in in-line skating visible in hospitals ?
The U.S. Consumer Commission estimated a doubling of skating injuries.

f. Where do skaters prefer practising ?
They prefer practising on stairs and railings leading to public buildings.

3. a. Trouvez, dans le texte, les équivalents anglais des expressions suivantes : *1 point (0,5 pt par bonne réponse)*

- adopter des lois : to pass laws
- inconnu : unknown

b. Trouvez, dans le texte, le contraire des mots suivants : *1 point (0,5 pi par bonne réponse)*

- legal # illegal
- easy # difficult

II- COMPÉTENCE LINGUISTIQUE

4. Posez la question portant sur le mot ou le groupe de mots souligné(s). *BEP et CAP : 4 pts (1 pt par bonne réponse)*
(Pronom interrogatif + auxiliaire corrects : 0,5 ; reste de la question: 0,5)

a. Rollerbladers are causing chaos on the streets.
What are rollerbladers causing on the streets ?

b. On Saturday afternoons, Central Park is invaded by skaters.
When is Central Park invaded by skaters ?

c. Stopping with in-lime skates is difficult for beginners.
What is difficult for beginners ?

d. Washington and New York started banning skating in public areas in 1996.
When did Washington and New York start banning skating in public areas in 1996 ?

5. Complétez les phrases suivantes à l'aide des expressions proposées. *BEP : 2 pts ; CAP : 4 pts (1/2 pt ou 1 pt par bonne réponse)*

a. People often **call** Rollerblades "blades". *(calling / call / are called)*

b. In-line skating **was** unknown ten years ago. *(was / will be / has been)*

c. Sales **have** increased in the last ten years. *(is / has / have)*

d. People often go to Central Park **on** Saturday afternoons. *(in / on / at)*

III- PRODUCTION *(BEP seulement : 3 pts)*

6. "Roller-skating" is different from "skateboarding". Give 3 reasons why you like (or don't like) skateboarding. (50 mots).

Exemple :

I think skateboarding is a very funny / interesting /dangerous sport.
You can roll along roads or on pavements with friends and go anywhere. You feel free when you are riding this way.
But it can also be dangerous because you can fall and hurt yourself. You may also run people down and hurt them too. So I think it should be better regulated with recreation areas and fitted laws. Moreover, people should be more careful.