



## ENGLISH TEST

### Talents and Mentors Programme

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#### LAWS OF THE GAME

Circle the correct answer:

1. Can the referee show a yellow or red card to a player inside the tunnel during the half-time interval?
  - a. Yes. A yellow or red card can be shown from the beginning until the end of the match, including the half-time interval.
  - b. No, the referee must verbally inform the officials and captain of the player's team.
  - c. No, the referee must verbally inform the player and team officials of the disciplinary action.
  - d. Yes, always.
  
2. Ten minutes after being sent off, a player re-enters the field of play with his team in possession of the ball and strikes the goalkeeper inside the goal area. What decision should the referee make?
  - a. The referee allows play to continue. When the ball is out of the play, the referee sends off the offending player again. Play is restarted according to the Laws of the Game.
  - b. The referee sends off the offending player. Play is restarted with an indirect free kick from where the ball was.
  - c. The referee restarts play with a dropped ball from where the player entered the field of play.
  - d. The referee orders the offending player to leave the field of play and restarts play with a dropped ball from where the ball was when the play was stopped. The referee must include the incident in his match report.
  
3. For an offence to be considered a foul, must it occur on the field of play?
  - a. Yes.
  - b. No.
  - c. It is hardly ever necessary.
  - d. Yes, but with a few exceptions.
  
4. After scoring a goal, can a player or his team-mates celebrate by climbing over a perimeter fence to go into the stands?
  - a. Yes, because players can celebrate a goal as long as they do not incite violence or remove their shirt.
  - b. Yes, and players can remove their shirts to celebrate.
  - c. No, the player is cautioned for unsporting behaviour.
  - d. Yes, it is a way to celebrate a goal as long as the shirt is not removed.

## VOCABULARY

Circle the correct definition for the following words or sentences:

*The ball becomes defective*

- a. The ball does not meet standards.
- b. The ball meets standards.
- c. The ball is out of play.

*Match report*

- a. Formal statement of the result and incidents of a match.
- b. Team list.
- c. License or permission granted by the national association to play a match.

*Outside agent*

- a. Member of police force.
- b. Delegate or person who is sent as representative of a team.
- c. Anyone not indicated on the team list as player, substitute or team official, or a player who has been sent off.

*Suspend a match*

- a. Stop temporarily a match because weather conditions, any infringements of the Laws of the Game or outside interference of any kind.
- b. Stop definitively a match because weather conditions, any infringements of the Laws of the Game or outside interference of any kind.
- c. Stop the play.

Circle the correct translation for the following words:

SAQUE DE SALIDA	CONCEDER UN TIRO LIBRE	REBOTAR
A.- Goal kick	A.- Punish a free kick	A.- To bounce
<u>B.- Kick-off</u>	B.- Reveal a free kick	B.- Touch the ground
C.- First kick	<u>C.- Award a free kick</u>	<u>C.- To rebound</u>

CARGAR A UN ADVERSARIO	NO RESPETAR LA DISTANCIA	ALREDEDORES DEL TERENO DE JUEGO
A.- Load an opponent	<u>A.- Failure to respect the distance</u>	<u>A.- Vicinity of the field of play</u>
B.- Push an opponent	B.- Delay the restart of play	B.- Outside limits
<u>C.- Charge an opponent</u>	C.- Enter in the distance	C.- Limits of the field of play

## COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Read carefully the following text and choose the correct answer to the questions below.

### *David Ginola defends Tottenham's Gareth Bale over diving claims*

Former Tottenham midfielder David Ginola says Gareth Bale's growing reputation as a diver is "unfair". Spurs and Wales winger Bale was booked for diving for the second game in a row before going off with a hamstring injury in Saturday's 3-0 win at Fulham. "This debate really annoys me. The kid is doing so well. He shouldn't carry this on his shoulder", Ginola told BBC Radio Wales. "I don't understand why we put pressure on him with false ideas. It's unfair." The yellow card was Bale's seventh of the season and Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas felt it "was a little bit harsh" with replays suggesting there was contact in the challenge with Fulham's Steve Sidwell. "He has suffered big, big injuries to his ankles and he might put his body in situations that the referee thinks that he is diving and he is suffering for it," said Villas-Boas. Former France international Ginola believes referees should protect players of Bale's ability rather than punish them. "When you get a reputation it's really hard to get rid of", he continued. "It's really easy when you run that fast with that pace on the pitch at players - you don't need a big tackle to go down. A little push would be enough to lose the balance. Football is about entertainment. When you have players like that who entertain you week in, week out, you have to protect that. It's so precious. You have to take care of them because they are little diamonds in a league like the English Premier League. I thought he was a diamond when I saw him play against Inter Milan and score three goals in 2010. He is special."

Ginola, who played more than 100 games for Spurs in three years at White Hart Lane from 1997-2000, and also played for Newcastle United, Aston Villa and Everton, believes Bale has the potential to be even better than another Wales star, Ryan Giggs. "To be put alongside Ryan Giggs is a huge compliment for Gareth Bale, but one day Ryan Giggs will be very happy to be named alongside Gareth Bale," stated Ginola. "He is the complete player and he is still very young. He has got everything. He is going to be a huge asset for the world of football in the next few years. Ginola wants Bale to stay in a Spurs side which he thinks can get better and eventually do well in the Champions League. "When you have a diamond you don't sell diamonds - you try and keep them," he said.

Taken from BBC web: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/20587205>

#### Questions

- 1) Diver means...
  - a) a strong defender who plays just beyond the limits of the legality.
  - b) a player who falls down easily.
  - c) a very fast player.
  
- 2) Gareth Bale...
  - a) had also been booked for diving in the previous match.
  - b) was booked for causing an injury in this game.
  - c) was sent off after two cautions.

- 3) Gareth Bale plays as...
  - a) defender
  - b) attacker
  - c) goalkeeper
  
- 4) According to Ginola, what should not Gareth Bale carry on his shoulders?
  - a) The reputation of being a player who is injured easily.
  - b) The reputation of being a player who often dives.
  - c) The reputation of being a controversial player.
  
- 5) Who suggested that there was contact in the challenge between Bale and Sidwell?
  - a) The TV replays.
  - b) André Villas-Boas.
  - c) David Ginola.
  
- 6) According to Villas-Boas, why do referees think Bale is diving many times?
  - a) Because Bale runs very fast and a small push is enough to lose the balance.
  - b) Because Bale has suffered big injuries to his ankles and he puts his body in situation that the referees think he is diving.
  - c) Because referees do not protect players who entertain the spectators.
  
- 7) David Ginola...
  - a) is still playing for Tottenham.
  - b) played for Tottenham in the late nineties.
  - c) played for Newcastle, Everton and Aston Villa but never for Tottenham.
  
- 8) According to Ginola, what is a huge compliment for Bale?
  - a) To play for the national team of Wales.
  - b) To play for Tottenham.
  - c) To be compared to Ryan Giggs.