

SESSION DE 2025

EXAMEN DU BEPC

BURKINA FASO

La Patrie ou la Mort, nous Vaincrons

EPREUVE ECRITE D'ANGLAIS

Coefficient :01

Durée : 02 heures

Text: IRON BIBY, a national hero

Burkina Faso has become famous worldwide in weightlifting thanks to Iron Biby, the world's strongest man. Born Cheick Ahmed al-Hassan SANOU in Bobo-Dioulasso, he developed a passion for sports early, participating in sprinting, gymnastics, and basketball before focusing on weightlifting.

At just 22 years old, Iron Biby won his first world title in the junior powerlifting category in the United States. Over the years, he has dominated that sport, earning multiple titles. His most recent achievement came on September 7, 2024, when he won the Log Lift World Championship in Birmingham, United Kingdom, lifting an impressive 231-kilogramme log.

In Burkina Faso, Iron Biby is a source of national pride, receiving a hero's welcome whenever he returns home. In 2023, he was honoured as an Officer of the Order of the Stallion, a prestigious national award. Grateful for the recognition, he stated, "This inspires me to keep working hard and representing my country."

Iron Biby emphasizes the importance of mental strength in sports. According to him, success is not just about training, but also about having the right mindset. He spent two years adding just one kilogramme to his record but remained committed to pushing his limits. His strong determination and love for breaking records allow him to make progress.

As he keeps moving forward, Iron Biby is determined to improve even more. He works hard to lift heavier weights and set new records. His strong will and dedication help him succeed. He wants to make history in weightlifting and inspire others to believe in themselves and never abandon.

Adapted from <https://globalvoices.org/2024/09/20/whoisiron>

Vocabulary : *Mindset*: état d'esprit ; *will*: volonté ; *Log Lift*: sport consistant à soulever un tronc (d'arbre) lourd.

III. GRAMMAR (6 points)

A. Put the verbs in brackets into the right tenses. (Write only the number and the right answer). (1 pt.)

1. If Iron Biby (not to train) every day, he would not have been the strongest man in the world.
2. Iron Biby (be) a famous basketball player if he wanted to.

B. Choose the right verb form to complete each of the following sentences. (Write only number and the letter.) (1 pt.)

1. Iron Biby is passionate about..... heavyweights.
a. lift b. lifting c. to lift d. lifts
2. He improved his technique by..... extra training sessions.
a. attending b. attend c. attends d. attended

C. Fill in the gaps with "either" or "neither". (Write only the number and the correct answer) (1 pt.)

1.his teammates nor his coach doubted his ability to break the record.
2. Iron Biby can choose.....to train in Burkina Faso or abroad.

D. Turn these sentences into the indirect speech (1 pt)

1. The coach said, "Iron Biby can lift heavier weights."
2. The trainer ordered him, "Do not give up during the competition."

IV. WRITING (4 pts.)

In your opinion, why should people practise sports? Give three reasons in a short text (50-60 words).

NB: Use correct grammar and vocabulary. Write complete sentences.

QUESTIONS

I. COMPREHENSION (8 points)

A. Read the text and write the letter that is in front of the correct answer. (Write only the number and the letter) (2 pts.)

1. Iron Biby's mother gave birth to him...
a. in Ouagadougou b. on September 7 c. in Bobo-Dioulasso d. in Kaya
2. Before weightlifting, Iron Biby first practised
a. Football b. Swimming c. Tennis d. Basketball
3. In which country did Iron Biby win his first world title?
a. Burkina Faso b. United Kingdom c. United States d. Canada
4. Iron Biby's approach to success in weightlifting is based on
a. the importance of size and power b. the role of mental and physical strength
c. the ability to lift the heaviest weight possible d. the need to train for long hours

B. Read the text and decide if these statements are True or False. (Write only the number and True or False) (2 pts.)

1. Iron Biby won his first world title when he was over 22 years old.
2. Iron Biby believes that only physical strength counts.
3. It took him less than three years to increase his record by one kilogramme.
4. Iron Biby's performance results from both engagement and hard work.

C. Read the text and answer the following questions in complete sentences (4 pts.)

1. What is Iron Biby's latest achievement in weightlifting? (1 pt.)
2. Why did Iron Biby receive a hero's welcome in his country? (1 pt)
3. For what reasons does Iron Biby want to set new records? (2pts)

II. VOCABULARY (2 points)

A. Find in the text an antonym for each of these words (1 pt.)

1. recently (paragraph 1)
2. failure (paragraph 4)

B. Match each of the words below with one correct definition. (Write only the number and the letter.) (1 pt)

Words

1. Determination
2. Record

Definitions

- a. being officially appreciated or awarded
- b. the ability to keep trying despite difficulties
- c. the best result ever achieved in a sport