

PASSAGE 9

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In 1988, Maria Mutola was playing football as the only girl in an all-boys team in a local competition in Mozambique. 'We won,' she said. 'At first, no one thought it was a problem that I was a girl. But then the team we beat complained.'

The story appeared in a local newspaper and José Craveirinha, had **stimulated** other African athletes, learnt about Maria. He went to meet her and found her kicking a ball around outside the football club. He realised immediately that she was fast. 'He talked to me about athletics. I had no idea what he meant. The only sport I knew about was football. Then he bought me running shoes and took me training. It was such hard work and my legs really ached.' But José visited her parents and persuaded them she could be successful and this would help end their poverty. They agreed to let him take her away to train.

In 1991, she finally accepted an invitation to train in the United States. She had refused previously because she knew she would miss her family. Her background was unlike those of the girls she met in the US. She explains, 'They were good athletes but, while I worried about my parents having enough to eat, they worried about dresses and make-up. They knew very little about me and even less about my problems. But I knew I was lucky to be there. The trainers were brilliant and I learnt a lot. Today, Maria still runs and for most of the year she lives happily in South Africa with her mother.'

Question 1: What is the passage mainly about?

- A. A comparison of Maria Motula's background with other's
- B. A story about Maria Motula's football interest and training
- C. A complaint about Maria Motula's local football in an all-boy team
- D. A story about Maria Motula - an African athlete with football activity

Question 2: The word stimulated in paragraph 2 is closest meaning to.

- A. assisted
- B. encouraged
- C. nurtured
- D. refused

Question 3: According to paragraph 2, how did José Craveirinha get to know Maria?

- A. He met her in a football contest
- B. He read an article in a newspaper
- C. An African introduced her
- D. Her family helped her meet him

Question 4: The word they in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. parents
- B. trainers
- C. athletes
- D. dresses

Question 5: According to paragraph 3, which is NOT mentioned as the worries of Maria and other athletes?

- A. working
- B. dressing
- C. making-up
- D. eating