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### **Adaptative Action Sports hopes snowboarding will be included in the Paralympic Games in 2014.**

Amy Purdy was 19 when bacterial meningitis stole her legs. When she got sick, she spent three weeks in a coma. Her spleen was removed. She lost kidney function. Both of her legs were amputated below the knee and she was given a single-digit chance of survival.

5 She was a competitive snowboarder back then, and a good one. She worked as a massage therapist with one goal: make enough money to travel the world with her snowboard.

Miraculously, Purdy lived, becoming the first person in Las Vegas in more than 20 years to survive after contracting Neisseria meningitis. “But I didn’t know if I would ever snowboard again, or how,” she says. “No one I talked to knew of an amputee snowboarder, but I wanted to do what I loved.”

10 Purdy spent the next two years working with her prosthetist and prosthesis manufacturers to create legs that would allow her to snowboard. There were running, skiing, cycling, and swimming legs on the market.. But nothing for snowboarding. She needed legs with ankles that bent well enough to allow her knees to bend properly, which would allow her hips to move correctly. “Without the right ankles, you feel like you’re in a full-body cast,” she says.

15 After much trial and error, Purdy had her legs. And once she was back on her snowboard, she slowly continued to perfect them. When she discovered how difficult it was to make a turn on her toe edge — imagine making a toe side carve without the ability to control the more than 100 muscles in your ankles and feet — she added wedges under her heels.

20 Over the next few years and in the course of many hours of research, Purdy met another amputee snowboarder and exchanged notes. She began receiving a lot of local attention and publicity for pioneering a new sport for amputees. Then, in 2005, she co-founded Adaptive Action Sports, an organization that helps amputee and paralyzed athletes learn and compete in action sports, including snowboarding, motocross and skateboarding.

25 AAS partnered with the USA Snowboarding Association to create an adaptive division within the organization with the hopes of becoming part of the international sports scene.

I remember thinking, Purdy says “If snowboarding is ever part of the Paralympics, I will be there, 100 percent.” Thanks to Purdy and the efforts of those she’s inspired, that could happen as soon as 2014.

Adapted from the web site *Snowboard Camps offered for amputees.*

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## TRAVAIL A FAIRE PAR LE CANDIDAT

### PREMIERE PARTIE : COMPREHENSION (12 POINTS)

#### A. Répondez en français aux questions suivantes : (8 points)

- 1) Qu'est-il arrivé à Amy Purdy l'année de ses 19 ans ? Citez au moins 3 conséquences. (3 points)
- 2) Avant sa maladie, quel était son unique objectif ? (2 points)
- 3) A quoi a-t-elle consacré les deux années suivantes ? (2 points)
- 4) Pourquoi a-t-elle dû ajouter des cales sous les talons de ses prothèses ? (1 point)

#### B. Traduisez le passage de "She needed legs" à "she says. " (4<sup>ème</sup> paragraphe). (4 points)

### DEUXIEME PARTIE : COMPETENCES LINGUISTIQUES (4 POINTS)

#### A. Mettez les verbes entre parenthèses au temps qui convient. (2 points)

- 1) When Amy was amputated, she decided to begin \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on her new prosthesis.
- 2) In 2014, snowboarding \_\_\_\_\_ (be) part of the Paralympics.

#### B. Complétez à l'aide du déterminant (a, an, the, Ø) ou du quantificateur (many, few, little, much) qui convient. (2 points)

- 1) Amy was \_\_\_ first amputee snowboarder. She had \_\_\_\_\_ problems to solve in designing her prosthesis.

### TROISIEME PARTIE : EXPRESSION ECRITE (4 POINTS)

Amy Purdy est qualifiée pour les jeux paralympiques.

Un journaliste l'interroge sur son expérience et ses sentiments face à cette compétition.

Ecrivez un dialogue en anglais composé d'au moins quatre questions et quatre réponses. (80 mots minimum).

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