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**MATERIA: Inglés**

To think of Brazilian is to think of the famous golden yellow shirt; of Pelé in 1970 Zico in 1982, Ronaldo in 2002 – the beautiful game resplendent in a beautiful shirt. Walk down a street in Rio or Riyadh. Brasília or Bremen, and the chances are that you will see someone wearing a Brazil top. If any item of clothing is an international statement of the joy of sport, this is it. The shirt was designed by Aldyr Garcia Schelee, whose loyalty was not to Brazil but to neighbouring Uruguay, to whom Brazil, playing in front of 200.000 home fans, had lost the 1950 World Cup Final. In the early 1950s, Brazilian football was still trying to forget the Uruguay match, the game that is remembered today only as “The Defeat”. In the recriminations that followed, the goalkeeper, Barbosa, took most of the blame. But the strip – white with blue collars – was criticised for being insufficiently patriotic. A competition was launched to find a shirt that would use all four colours of the national flag: yellow, green, blue and white. In December 1953, the prize was awarded to Aldyr a 19 year – old one way to mix the colours – yellow shirt with green and cuffs, blue shorts with a white vertical stripe and white socks. Aldyr still lives in Pelotas. When I visited him there, he showed me some faded newspaper reports from 1953: his design was described at the most “harmonious” of the 301 entries. (The runner-up was an unharmonious hybrid of green shirt, white shorts and yellow socks)

**1. a) Indicate whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and write down the part of the text that supports your answer.**

- a) The shirt actually used by the Brazilian football team was designed to substitute the previous ugly one.
- b) Many people thought that the shirt won by the Brazilian team in the 1950 World Cup Final was to be blamed for the defeat.

**b) Answer these questions from the text in your own words:**

- c) Was the shirt’s designer already famous beforehand?
- d) Why was the previous shirt substituted by the current one?

**VOCABULARY**

**2. a) Answer these questions in your own words:**

- a) strip (line 8)
- b) runner – up (line 15)

**b) Find words in the text that mean the following.**

- c) symbol
- d) to give or order to be given as a payment, penalty, prize, etc.

**GRAMMAR**

**3. a) Choose the correct form from those given below:**

- a) We danced together all night .....  
long            through            across            during
- b) They are looking forward to .....  
your coming            you are coming            you will come            you to come

**b) Finish each sentence so that it has exactly the same meaning as the one printed before it e.g. Eating fruit is healthy. >>> It is healthy to eat fruit.**

- c) The attendance at the ceremony was 250. 250 people .....
- d) If you don’t warn me in advance. I’ll miss the program. Unless.....



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COMPOSITION

5. In 60 – 100 words, describe the sport you like practising the most, if any.



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