

SECTION 1

These questions are about Mauro Prosperi – The Desert Runner Who Drank His Own Wee (Sahara, 1994)

1. What does the word ‘inhospitable’ tell you about the environment where the Marathon des Sables is held? (p.78)

2. Name two dangerous animals found in the Sahara Desert and explain why they are dangerous.

1 mark

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2 marks

3. ‘...the Sahara is a **punishing** environment...as well as **scorching** heat...’
Explain how the words in **bold** make the reader understand the difficulty of the task facing Prosperi. (p.79)

2 marks

4. List three things Prosperi did to survive in the Sahara. (p.80,81,84)

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3 marks

5. Put the events of the story in order by numbering the boxes 1-7. Number one has been one for you.

Prosperi trekked towards a misty mountain range about 20 miles away. _____

Prosperi found himself in the middle of a fierce sandstorm.

Prosperi was taken to a military base in Algeria.

He finished 13th in the Marathon des Sables.

Prosperi found himself lying in 7th place. 1

Prosperi placed a flag on top of the shrine.

He urinated into his water bottle.

3 marks

6. How do you know that Prospero was determined to **complete** the Marathon des Sables **successfully**? (p.85)

1 mark

7. Decide whether the following statements are fact or opinion by ticking the appropriate box.

	Fact	Opinion
Ultramarathons can involve swimming and cycling stages.		
The Marathon des Sables is the toughest race on Earth.		
Camel spiders can run a speeds of more than 10 mph.		
It is much safer to keep moving during a sandstorm.		

3 marks

8. Look at the paragraph beginning, '*The storm had lasted more than six hours...*'

Find and copy one word, which means the same as concealed (p.80)

1 mark

9. Using the evidence in the text, why do you think Prosperi decided to run the Marathon des Sables?

3 marks

10. What do you think Prosperi did next, once he finally completed the Marathon des Sables successfully? Give reasons for your answer based on what you have learned about Prosperi in the text.

3 marks