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Incidents involving Raheem Sterling in the *Premier League* last season and Romelu Lukaku in *Serie A* recently only serve as ugly reminders that racism is still present in the sport. It's a disease that runs deep, even when the cameras are not there to show it. According to *Kick It Out*, a United Kingdom organization that fights against discrimination in both professional and non-professional football, reports of discrimination rose by 32% in 2018/2019 compared to the previous season.

The advent of social media has provided racists with a way of targeting football stars seemingly with the safety of anonymity and far away from the public view of a stadium. In response to a manifesto published by *The Times* earlier this year on how to fight racism in football, England's *Football Association (FA)* called social media "a common vehicle for racist and discriminatory abuse". Only this season, Chelsea's Tammy Abraham and Manchester United's Paul Pogba and Marcus Rashford have been subjected to vile abuse on *Twitter* after missing penalties for their teams.

Abraham believes the organization needs to do more to protect players from the "fake accounts" that allow racists to abuse players behind the safety of anonymity. "It just gives everyone an excuse to go online, behind their laptops or their phones, to say what they want," he told *CNN* on Monday. "Some people might not think we see it, but we do see it – and they just want to get reaction. So *Twitter* needs to understand that. Some people just don't think footballers are humans, that they have personalities. We are humans, and it does affect us. Now *Twitter* needs to do something about it."

Kick It Out says it received 159 reports of discrimination from social media last season, with the most common form being racism at 62%. On the other hand, *Twitter* announced it had taken action against more than 700 incidents of abuse related to British football and has met with the *Professional Footballers' Association (PFA)* and *Kick It Out*.

By Matias Grez; Zayn Nabbi and Darren Lewis, CNN.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. 1. The best title for the text is: (1 mark)

- a. Racism in stadiums
- b. Racism on the rise
- c. Racist football players

B. 2 .Give the paragraph numbers corresponding with these ideas. (2 marks)

A. Ideas	B. Parag numbers
The need for action	Parag.
Recurrent racist acts on social media	Parag.
Racism, a hidden sickness	Parag.
Social media, safe and efficient tools for racists	Parag.

C. 3. Identify 4 players who have been the victims of racism : (2 marks)

_____ ; _____
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D. 4. Two institutions are accused of not doing enough to protect players. Identify them: (2 marks)

E. 5. Identify in the last paragraph, the impact of *Kick It Out's* actions: (1 mark)

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

F. Complete the paragraph below by putting the verbs in brackets in the correct tenses. (1.5 mark)

The world is unfair! For years now, black African players 6.
(always/to be) among the best in European football leagues. Except George Weah (the current Liberian president) who once 7. **(to win)** the France Football Golden Ball after outstanding performances in the past, no other African player has received such a distinction. It's high time the UEFA 8. **(to recognize)** them as deserving nominees.

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G. Complete the dialogue between a journalist and Papi – a black professional football player in “La ligue 1”. Do NOT repeat the text! (2.5 marks)

Journalist: Hi, Papi! How're you doing?

Papi: Could be better!

Journalist: Is 9 _____ wrong?

Papi: Sure! African players are often 10 _____

Journalist: Has there been any official reaction against those incidents?

Papi: Of course, but more needs to be done

Journalist: Like what?

Papi: 11 _____

Journalist: Thanks for your time

Papi: Sure!

H. Complete the following text with the right forms of the words in brackets. (2 marks)

Racism in football must be 12. (abolishment). If this continues, talented black players will lose 13. (motivate). Everybody knows that they are among the 14. (good) in the world. Senegal's Sadio Mané is an example as his exceptional 15. (achieve) last year were not rewarded at all by the European football organization.

III. 17. WRITING : Choose one topic only and write about 150 words. (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: Racism is more and more difficult to fight. What are the reasons for that? What should be done to eradicate it? Support your arguments with relevant examples.

TOPIC 2: Write a letter to the President of FIFA to complain about racism in European stadiums and urge him to take decisions to end this.