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. Fortunately , the political overtones that made the Berlin Olympics such a sinister event are completely absent . This is not just because Germany is Now a democratic country . It is also because the World Cup , unlike the Olympics , is wonderfully difficult to manipulate for political purposes . Over its long history , success at the Olympics has usually been a fairly accurate measure of global political power . Although the world now remembers the snub that Jesse Owens delivered to Nazi theories of racial superiority , the Germans came top of the Olympic medal table in 1936 . reflecting the Nazi regime ' s growing power . 。 During the cold war , the United States and the Soviet Union repeatedly struggled to gain a symbolic victory , by winning the most medals at the Olympics . By contrast , the World Cup has its own hierarchy , which is pleasingly divorced from the global pecking order . There is a sole superpower--Brazil . The Italians and French , apparently doomed to gentle decline in the real world , remain formidable competitors on the football field . And then there are the rising powers which are more likely to hail from Africa than Asia . America will field a serious team at the World Cup , but nobody expects it to win . Football ' s power structure reflects a satisfying

characteristic of the global game . Despite the undoubted prestige to be had by becoming champions of the world . it is extremely hard if not impossible for a determined and well-resourced government to create a World Cup winning team . Arguably , the Italians managed it in the 1930s ; and Argentina ' s World Cup winners in 1978 received plenty of backing from the ruling military junta . But a modern-day dictator who ordered his minions to create a team that could beat Brazil or even play in their style--would be swiftly disappointed . A winning football team needs not just athleticism but also a spark of creativity and style that cannot be manufactured by sport ' s central planners . Even taking drugs does not appear to be much help for footballers . As a result , every World Cup seems to throw up a team that suddenly clicks at the right time and beats a much-fancied opponent . Think of North Korea vanquishing Italy in 1966 or Senegal turning over France , the reigning champions , in 2002 . It is this capacity to surprise that helps make the World Cup such a gripping event . And it is why in the endless competition between the Olympics and the World Cup for the title of " the world ' s greatest sporting event " we vote for the World Cup . [445 words] 1 . The Berlin Olympic stadium is once again at the centre of the sporting world because\_\_\_\_\_ . A . Jesse Owens won the champion at the Olympics B . Germany has won the most medals at the Olympics C . no political purposes are involved in the World Cup D . a spectacular event , the World Cup , is taking place there 2 . The author maintains that the Success at the Olympics\_\_\_\_\_ . A . depends on how democratic a nation is B . depends on whether

a nation has the supreme power C . reflects the real power a nation has in the world politics D . can be accurately measured by how many medals a nation wins 3 . The example of the Italians and French is used to prove that\_\_\_\_\_ . A . the World Cup is not governed by the global political power B . Brazil is the sole superpower , which can never be defeated C . both Italy and France are in gentle decline in the real world D . they are the most formidable competitors on the football field 4 . The author argues that a winning football team\_\_\_\_\_ . A . cannot be created except by Italy and Argentina B . needs much backing from a modern-day dictator C . needs more creativity and style than athleticism D . needs the support of a wellresourced government 5 . The author asserts that\_\_\_\_\_ . A . the World Cup is better than the Olympics B . the Olympics is better than the World Cup C . the World Cup is as gripping as the Olympics D . the world ' s greatest sporting event is to be voted 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)