### The Olympic spirit in China

Through wind and rain and through terrible heat, a little girl in shorts is running. Months ago, she left her home in Hainan, in the south of China, to run to Beijing, 3,558 km. away. On her t-shirt are the words “Olympic Spirit, Strong Body, Extreme Challenge, Honour for the Nation”.

Eight-year-old Huimin is an example of the new fervour for sporting success in China, as the country prepares for the Olympic Games.

Huimin has been preparing for more than a year. She got up every day at 2.30 and ran through the dark streets of her town, Lingao, completing the half-marathon before sunrise. Then she went to school, had a nap after lunch, did her homework, and trained before going to bed at 9pm.

While she ran, her father rode his bicycle beside her. “Her training may be too hard for others, but she’s used to it” he says. Certainly, she seems happy. She jumps and laughs as she runs.

Huimin’s ambition is to win a gold medal in the 2016 Olympics, when she will be old enough to compete. “I run for the future. I want to be a champion. I want to win honour for the country,” says Huimin.

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### QUESTIONS

1. **Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only True or False.** (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)
   a. Huimin stops running when the weather is bad.
   b. Huimin’s father doesn’t agree with the way his daughter is training.

2. **In your own words and based on the ideas from the text, answer these questions. Be careful with the grammar. Write precise answers.** (Puntuación máxima: 6 puntos)
   a. How did Huimin combine her running with her studies?
   b. Why is Huimin training so hard?

3. **Complete the following sentences.** (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)
   a. Write the superlative form of the word in brackets and the correct preposition in the second blank:
      Huimin is the __________ (young) runner getting ready _______ the 2016 Olympics.
   b. Write the comparative form of the word in brackets and the correct preposition in the second blank:
      b. Huimin slept __________ (few) hours _______ the other children in her class.