



## READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer the questions below.

### SUPPORTER DIES AFTER RIVAL FANS CLASH BEFORE GAME IN MADRID

**A supporter died after violent clashes between fans before Atlético de Madrid's home match against Deportivo La Coruña.**

The unnamed Deportivo fan, 43, was taken out of the river Manzanares near Atlético's Vicente Calderón Stadium suffering from cardiac arrest, hypothermia and head injuries, and died in hospital.

Eleven other people were treated for mostly minor injuries, including a female police officer. Twenty people were taken into custody with 100 troublemakers identified. The violence near the stadium was condemned by both clubs and the Spanish league.

Atlético chief executive, Miguel Ángel Gil Marín, was outspoken in his condemnation. "It's disgusting - that scum has no place in football," he said. "I only hope they identify those responsible and they can't repeat such deplorable acts as these."

Atlético president, Enrique Cerezo, speaking before the death of the supporter was announced, told Spanish television: "I want to say that this has nothing to do with football. These are radical groups who meet up and these are the consequences."

Deportivo president, Tino Fernández, said that clubs needed to do more to make sure such incidents were not allowed to happen. He added: "It's tragic news. I want to express our vehement opposition to violence."

After the match, Depor coach, Víctor Fernández, added: "It's one of the saddest days in Spanish football in recent years. They are reprehensible and despicable acts."

Atlético de Madrid won 2-0 to record their fifth win in six games and move within four points of La Liga leaders Real Madrid.

Saúl Ñíguez headed the defending champions in front in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute before Arda Turan sealed victory 10 minutes into the second half. The win took Atlético into second place in the table before Barcelona's evening kick-off away to Valencia.

## QUESTIONS

1. **The Deportivo supporter died because...**
  - a) he fell into the river unintentionally.
  - b) he was thrown into the river as a consequence of aggressive altercations.
  - c) he was strangled as a consequence of violent clashes.
  
2. **The total amount of victims in these violent clashes was...**
  - a) 12
  - b) 11
  - c) 20
  
3. **According to Atlético president, Enrique Cerezo, these deplorable acts...**
  - a) are related to football
  - b) are a consequence of radical groups' passion towards their teams
  - c) are not associated to football at all
  
4. **Deportivo president, Tino Fernández ...**
  - a) stated that football clubs should be more concerned about such incidents so that they don't happen again
  - b) stated that football clubs have nothing to do with these incidents
  - c) didn't mention football clubs in this matter
  
5. **Atlético de Madrid, in its last matches, ...**
  - a) has lost five of them out of six
  - b) has won four of them out of six
  - c) has won five of them out of six