

## THEME 8 SPORTS READING SKILL (YILDIRIM)

**A. Read the interview and choose the question which CANNOT be answered according to the text. Then answer the other questions.**

### HAMZA YERLİKAYA

**Reporter:** And now, could you please tell us briefly how you started this sport and what happened afterwards?

**Hamza Yerlikaya:** Sure. When I was a child, my father was fond of wrestling. That certainly affected me very much, and I started wrestling in İstanbul at the age of 10. I used to train really hard. Of course, my trainers helped me a lot to improve my talents. The first international tournament which I took part in was the 1991 World Championship in Canada. I was awarded as the fourth best wrestler there. That was very encouraging. In 1993, when I joined the European Championship in İstanbul, I took second place. I also participated in the World Championship in Stockholm in the same year, and I won 3 titles: the champions of the world, Europe and the 1993 Olympics. I was 17 at the time. Thus, I was chosen as “the wrestler of the century” by FILA. I felt extremely proud of myself.

**Reporter:** In fact, you have made all the Turkish people feel very proud many times. What is more, FILA has announced that you are in the third place on their list of the 100 greatest wrestlers of all time with your 23 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals. That is terrific! Congratulations!

1. When did Hamza Yerlikaya first represent his country internationally?
2. How old was he when he was awarded a gold medal for the first time?
3. How many medals did he win throughout his sports career?
4. How old was he when he quit competing professionally?