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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does **FIFA** stand for? How many countries belong to this organization?

2. Which soccer tournament will take place in Qatar from November 20 to December 18?

3. Why is the tournament being held at this time?

4. Describe the popularity of this international competition. Explain.

5. How many teams will compete?

6. Describe how the World Cup tournament works in the first round.

7. Describe how the World Cup tournament works in the second round.

8. List at least three important facts about the host country.

9. How much will it cost to host this tournament?

10. What concerns have some human rights groups expressed related to the 2022 World Cup?



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QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

1. The article quotes Canadian defender and midfielder Alphonso Davies who says, “*We’re the underdogs. At the end of the day, it doesn’t matter. We’re there to compete – and we will.*”

How might the fact that the Canadian team is ranked 38th in the world, and that it is going into this event as the underdog, affect the mindset of the team? Give reasons to support your ideas.

2. Often, professional athletes use their platform to support causes that they believe in. Several 2022 World Cup team captains have been campaigning to be able to wear rainbow armbands during the tournament to protest Qatar’s discrimination against the LGBTQ community:

<https://www.cbc.ca/sports/soccer/world-cup-captains-rainbow-armbands-1.6590003>

As you see it, for what reasons should athletes competing for their country in international competitions express their support for causes that may be politically sensitive? For what reasons should they not? Support your thinking with examples.
