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English Language 2.0
PAPER 1: Non-Fiction Texts

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Source Booklet

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ADVICE

Read the texts before answering the questions in Section A of the Question Paper.

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SECTION A

Reading

Read Text 1 on pages 4 to 7 and then answer Questions 1–3 on the Question Paper.

This extract is from a newspaper article written in 1896, which is describing the evening of the fourth day of a six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden in New York.

¹Garden – Madison Square Garden

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THE BICYCLE RACE

Black and white image of a newspaper drawing depicting cyclists on a dusty race track on a wintry day wearing cloth hats, jumpers and trousers with ankle boots. Two men watch on at the scene in front of them, smoking clay pipes with a small dog sat next to them.



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Text 1 continued.

Last night's crowd was the largest over in the Garden¹ at any sporting event.

It seems that the greater the crowd the more energy is displayed by the riders. It was a case of sprinting all the time. First one and then another would move out from the bunch, followed immediately by some rider who suddenly awoke to the situation that it was a case of speed up or fall hopelessly behind. Hour after hour the men rode, reeling off an average of about sixteen miles every sixty minutes, Hale invariably landing at the head of the procession, when it would slow down for a few moments' breathing spell.

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Text 1 continued.

The majority of the riders were carrying sponges during the night session. This was to prevent the swallowing of smoke, with which the Garden was well filled. It was so dense at times that the riders were 20 hardly discernible from one side of the track to the other.

Glick, as customary, fell three or four times during the day, but he continues as though it was part of the programme. 25 Maddox, Forster, and Hale were all burdened with floral tributes during the evening, and each would sprint for a quarter of a mile in recognition of the gift.

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Read Text 2 on pages 8 to 12 and answer Questions 4–6 on the Question Paper.

In this extract adapted from a magazine article written in 1893, the writer presents his ideas about whether football (including both rugby and soccer) is harmful or beneficial.

¹physique – body

²impediments – obstacles

Football—Past and Present

I think it is a fact that can hardly be disputed that at the present day football is very nearly, if not actually, the most popular of our national games.

Unfortunately there still exists a certain amount of prejudice against it in many quarters, on account of its being considered a somewhat dangerous pastime. I believe that it is at the present day largely suffering from the misdeeds of its past, and I will make bold to say that, played as it is at present, in an increasingly scientific fashion, the proportion of serious accidents to the enormous number of players taking part in it is very small. 5 10 15

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Text 2 continued.

Many of the so-called fatal accidents that are sensationally reported might and would have taken place had the victim unduly exerted himself in any other form of amusement, a weak heart often being the cause. 20

The fact is that in every form of sport accidents will happen, and the very element of risk is with many an incentive to the sport. Bathing accidents are frequent, yet who would say give up bathing? And hunting, skating, shooting, and even cricket—all give their proportion of mishaps. 25 30

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Text 2 continued.

Take the corresponding advantages
 of fine, manly exercise, improving to a
 wonderful extent the pluck, nerve and
 physique¹ of many a naturally timid
 boy, and I feel sure that the good far 35
 overbalances the necessary evil of risk
 of injury to limbs, in the way of sprains,
 strains, or even an occasional breakage.

But to turn to the ancient history of the
 game. It will be news to many to hear 40
 that it dates as far back as the reign of
 Edward III, who actually forbade the game
 by law as taking up time which should
 have been given to exercising the youth
 of the day in archery. In other succeeding 45
 reigns the sport was also forbidden,
 without, however, apparently having the
 desired effect. But we must come to more
 modern times and the rise of the present
 two great governing classes of football 50
 as now played, in other words, the Rugby
 Union game and the Football Association.

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Text 2 continued.

Each has its most enthusiastic followers
and both are year by year throwing off
their more dangerous elements and 55
becoming more scientific in their manner
of playing. It is a sport that neither time
nor ridicule has ever been able to stamp
out and it must have a very large influence
on the national character. 60

I can only repeat that football is a manly
sport, which, in spite of its dangers, real
and pretended, must always have a great
and increasing place in the affections of
the British people, and I would earnestly 65
exhort those who are more or less
opposed to it, to pause before going to
the length of throwing any unnecessary
impediments² in the way of its exercise
by the hale and strong of the coming 70
generation. But I am speaking for myself,
and I am “an enthusiast”.

SOURCE INFORMATION

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