
Analysis of Answers for GP Paper 2 Comprehension Exercise #31 (‘Sports’)

1. **The first example illustrates** ‘faster’ (Citius), while the other two examples illustrate ‘stronger’ (Fortius).

**Useful points to take note of:*

2. **The explanations the author offers are that** Olympic athletes outdo themselves by breaking their own or other people’s records, **and that** they achieve feats that ordinary people normally cannot accomplish, **thus** motivating us to overcome difficult problems in our own lives.

**Useful points to take note of:*

3. **The author uses the word ‘fortunately’ to** depict how relieved he is that there were practical roles for sport **such as** survival and enjoyment, **instead of** illogical aims **such as** the outcome of death for the pleasure of deities.

**Useful points to take note of:*

4. **The author wants to emphasize**, through alliteration, the intense cruelty and viciousness present in sport during ancient ceremonial sporting events.

**Useful points to take note of:*

5. **The purpose of sport for the proletariat was to** stay bodily fit for their work and to integrate with foreigner co-labourers. **Conversely**, the purpose of sport for the bourgeoisie was to allow them to flaunt their wealthy lifestyle as a hobby.

**Useful points to take note of:*

6. **The author means that** colonial subjects either had no choice but to engage in their colonial masters' cultural sport, or they grew accustomed to playing them over time.

**Useful points to take note of:*

7. **With the technological revolution in sport**, we play in safe and comfortable environments **that result in us** being sheltered from external conditions that are necessary to strengthen our physical bodies. **Moreover**, it substitutes completely the face-to-face contact with others, **making us** distant from others and diluting our sense of fellowship with other people.

**Useful points to take note of:*

8. **The author uses inverted commas to illustrate the fact that** while people think that celebrity athletes deserve their fame, he disagrees because he believes that their popularity is due to the clandestine plans of the athletes' agents and the media.

**Useful points to take note of:*

9. **Firstly**, Bruce Lee was well-recognised, while Jack LaLanne was largely unheard of. **Secondly**, Lee starred in just a few films showing off his mastery of martial arts, unlike LaLanne who had a long-running TV career promoting physical health through exercise and diet. **Finally**, Lee's death was global news, whereas LaLanne's death went largely unnoticed.

**Useful points to take note of:*

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