

Exercise 6

Question 17

In your English class, you have been talking about competitions. Your teacher has asked you to write an article for the school magazine about the value of competitions.

In your article, write about how useful it is to enter competitions and what young people can learn from taking part.

Here are some comments from your classmates:

Sometimes competitions can be too serious.

I like giving myself a challenge in competitions.

I haven't got much time to enter competitions.

Sometimes it's good not to win.

Now write an article for the school magazine.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 100 to 150 words.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your article and up to 9 marks for the language used.

Most pupils do not have ample time
to participate in such competition

general census

Students are preoccupied with
term exams or with
extra classes

Cramping up competitions to their
already-tight schedule may take a
toll on their mental health

Competitions can cause a myriad of dispute,
in return, numerous discord amongst students

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creates unhealthy competitiveness

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COMPETITIONS: IS IT A BOON OR A BURDEN?

Have you ever contemplated about the impacts of why partaking in competitions is a widely disputed matter amongst students? A significant number of young people maintain that it begets numerous adverse effects, and I too, am not exempt in this regard.

First and foremost, advocates of this sentiment contend that competitions give yield to a myriad of disputes, and in return, eternal discord in the school environment. It is plain as a pikestaff that some students would view competitions as a window to rise up the echelon, which creates unhealthy competitiveness. Consequently, such hardcore competitions would lead to the neglect of life-long friendships.

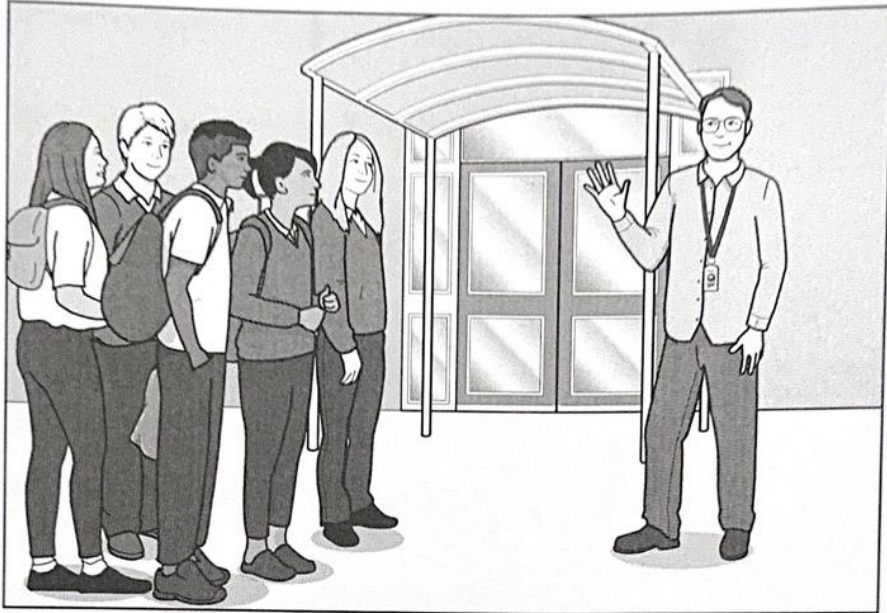
In addition to that, majority of the student body maintained that they do not have ample time to partake in such competitions. It is glaringly evident that most students spend their leisure time to study for an upcoming exam or cram extra classes. Ergo, cramping up a competition to their already-tight schedule may take a toll on their mental health.

To recapitulate, it is my strident contention that competitions have far more demerits than merits as it not only augments never-ending discord amongst students but also due to the fact that they do not have adequate time to participate in them.

Tense : Past Past

Exercise 5

Question 16



A new student has joined your class and your teacher has asked you to look after the student during the school day.

Write an email to a friend about the new student.

In your email you should:

- describe the new student
- explain - say how you helped the student
- say - explain why your teacher chose you to help.

Write about 100 to 150 words.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your email, and up to 9 marks for the language used.

He was wearing a tri-coloured turtle neck - with a jaguar specs
& He was wearing He's like super tall
He posture was standing there awkwardly as teacher introduced
& His name is James Laurent and transfer from a boarding school in Switzerland

He was struggling with Maths and Biology
& Gave him some tips and formulae
& Showed him the library and guess what he's a fellow bookworm
& Hidden sections
& Helped with Trig functions

My teacher said that he insisted on sitting next as I was very approachable and effervescent

Hi Lilia,

Something unexpected happened at school, and you won't believe what it is. Buckle up, as I'm about to give you a detailed rundown!

So, I was running late to my class, as usual, and in the process, interrupted the introduction of my new classmate. Even though it was in the nick of time, I was able to analyze his outfit and personality. He was wearing a tri-coloured jacket with jaguar glasses, and according to my best mate, Adam, his name was Julien, and he transferred from a nearby school.

To my surprise, Ms. Anna paired me up with him and tasked me to show him the entire library. Guess what? He's a fellow bookworm, and because of that, I showed him my book stash – he loved it! I also helped him to navigate the one and only Holly Jackson book in the school.

So, why did Ms. Anna choose me in the first place? Well, according to her, I'm very approachable and "effervescent" – didn't see that one coming!

Anyways, I have to plan my group study with Julien. Bye! Must get that done before I get snowed under. Bye!

Love,
Shiza

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