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Section A

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	NOTE: Although sentences are not required answers must include an appropriate verb or qualifier to identify the main purpose.	
	Accept any reasonable answer about the benefits of competitive sports in schools based on the text using an appropriate verb.	
	 For example: to argue the benefits of competitive sports in schools (for children) to persuade the reader that competitive sports are good (for children) to tell the reader about the importance of 	
	competitive sports (for children)	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2	C – 4.1 million	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	B - ninety per cent of children take part in sports for at	
	least two hours per week	(1)

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4	 it would undermine (children's) confidence (1) it places too much pressure on them (the children) (1) 	(2)
	One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum of two marks.	

Question Number	Answer			Mark
5		Fact	Opinion	
	Children are tougher than adults think.		x	
	Last year, more than 2.5 million children competed against rival schools.	х		
	Competitive sport is making a comeback.	х		
	Competitive sport is essential to boost confidence and fitness levels.		х	
	Competitive sports are enjoyable		x	
	Competitive sports place too much pressure on children.		x	
	For 0 or 1 correct – 0 ma For 2 or 3 correct – 1 ma For 4 or 5 correct – 2 ma For 6 correct – 3 marks	rk		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6	Accept any reasonable answer about how the writer tries to influence the reader and give one supporting example, based on the text up to a maximum of two marks.	
	 Answers may refer to: Biased/persuasive language. Examples may include "essential", "unfortunately", etc. Selective use of quotations, which creates one-sided argument. Examples may include "school sport is in a stronger place" Selective use of statistics. Examples may include "4.1 million children taking part last year" Emotive language. Examples may include "schools are still failing millions of children" 	(2)

Section B

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7	NOTE: Although sentences are not required, answers must include an appropriate verb or qualifier to identify the main purpose.	
	Accept any reasonable answer about setting up a sports club based on the text, using an appropriate verb or qualifier.	
	For example:	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8	Accept any reasonable answer about features that help to convey information based on the text, up to a maximum of three marks.	
	Answers may include:	
	 Bold / large font for sub-headings/title Information has been split into a series of steps Personal tone / use of pronoun "you" to address the reader directly 	
	 Image showing a sports team/image to show what the article is about. 	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
9	 (Local office of) the Sports Council (1) Local Council's leisure and recreation department (1) National lottery (1) One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum	(2)
	of two marks.	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10	To manage the money (of the club)	(1)
	One mark for a correct answer.	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11	Accept any reasonable answer about what your friend needs to consider to set up a club based on the text up to a maximum of three marks. Answers may include: • make sure enough people want to join • ask for help • find a venue • form a committee • funding	(3)

Section C

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12	Anytime swim and gym	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
13	Off peak fitness	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
14	Accept any reasonable answers based on the text up to a maximum of three marks.	
	Any option may be chosen but all reasons must refer only to the chosen option.	
	Unique reasons for 'Anytime swim and gym':	
	 unlimited access to gym (equipment) members only swim sessions access to health spa 50% off personal training programmes 25% off any exercise class 	
	Unique reasons for 'off-peak fitness'	
	 unlimited access to the pool between 9.30 – 4.00 Mon – Fri / before 1pm Sat and Sun free sauna at these times 20% off range of exercise classes 2 free sessions with a personal trainer cheapest option 	
	Unique reasons for 'Anytime swim and classes'	
	 unlimited access to range of exercise classes online booking system classes available for all fitness levels classes run by fully qualified instructors cheaper than 'anytime swim and gym' 	(3)

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