A SAMPLE OF ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING

Why many young people in India do not chose playing a sport professionally as a career option

Thesis statement: Playing a professional sport is not seen as a career option.

(An introductory para that talks about the topic in general terms)

Sporting is encouraged and supported by the system when children are young – parents, school, community are largely supportive. As children grow older, sports is seen as a distraction from academics and hence children drop out of regular practice and stop playing by the time they reach their higher secondary education. It is usually conditioned into the minds of young people from their childhood that playing sports could serve as an entertainment, relaxation, recreation but cannot be considered a career option. It is conditioning of the mind that is largely responsible for young people not considering sports as a career.

Body para 1 ( in Favour)

India has a high talent pool of young people who have the passion, skills, and expertise to play sports at a professional level. Their dreams of making it big in the sport of their choice needs to be encouraged. In a country, where there are several tournaments and matches held at different levels (city, regional, district, state, national), in various sports, it makes sense to pursue it professionally for youngsters who have the ability and capability to succeed and shine. There are numerous examples of people continuing with sports from school level and successfully building careers playing them. It is identifying and nurturing talent that occurs at the first step.

Body para 2 ( in favour)

With reservations for sports in both and private organisations (The Indian Railways employed Mahendra Singh Dhoni under the sports quota), the possibility of a steady job along with a sporting career is an option that youngsters could take up. We have several Grandmasters and world champions in chess and the possibility of a career in chess will reap good dividends. In the West, innumerable scholarships and talent sporting at the school level ensures that talented youngsters get to play sports professionally from a very young age.

Body para 3 (counter argument and addressing them)

Professional sports like in the west is not considered as a career option in India. People in India always believe stable careers are only to be had in regular jobs and career paths are decided by the choice of subject at college – engineering, medicine, law, arts, commerce or sciences. The job opportunities decide the choice of the course. While this may be true to a extent, today the opportunities to play professionally and make a lucrative sporting career are bright. With the entry of private players like IPL in cricket, Prokabbadi for kabbadi, Indian super league for football, the prospects of a bright career in sports is possible today. The recent introduction of Women’s Premier League only indicates the growing popularity of sports and the possibility of viewing it as a viable career option. Competition considering the huge population in India is an argument that people place for not taking sports seriously but true talent will always find a place. One needs to pursue the sports with dedication and commitment apart from possessing skills and passion to play it.

Conclusion

Considering all aspects, it is essential and important that we understand start thinking of sports as a career option just as we consider ‘professional’ courses like engineering, medicine, law or commerce.

NOTE : DO NOT WRITE INTRODUCTION, BODY PARA 1 , 2, CONCLUSION ETC ….THAT DIVISION IS ONLY FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO STRUCTURE AN ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY.

This is just a basic example. You can write it in your own style.

Introduction

Body para 1 – in favour of the thesis statement

Body para 2 – in favour

Body para 3 – counter argument and how to justify why you are in favour

Conclusion – a general statement that winds up the discussion on the topic reinforcing your point of view.

Thesis statement is optional. You can proceed with the topic directly.

This is one method. You can be flexible and delete and include information, examples, statements. Structure your writing properly;

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