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Answer Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5 each separately.

**Essay Prompt:**

We know you lead a busy life, full of activities, many of which are required of you. Tell us about something you do simply for the pleasure of it.

Q1:

Plugs:

This helps me unwind and relax, which is key for my busy life ahead.

Many activities people do for pleasure are costly such as shopping, or playing video games. However, the activity I do for pleasure helps me make money while I unwind. ✓

Q1. Write the Key words/phrases from the Essay Prompts

Q2. Show your essay outline

Intro- Hook, thesis, explain activity

Body Paragraph- Why do I enjoy this (two examples)

Body Paragraph 2- How does this bring me pleasure

Body Paragraph 3- Risk of Losing a lot of money

Conclusion- Restate thesis and show main example present in essay

Q3. Write your Hook sentences(s)

Possible Hooks

1. Have you ever wondered how people navigate themselves through a busy life?

Having an activity that you do for pleasure will increase your happiness and productivity in a busy life.

Q4. Write your thesis statement

The activity I do for pleasure is selling sports cards. I go to various sports card shops, shows, and then sell them on eBay.

Q5. Write an Essay (Min 450 words and max 550 words) in the following structure:

**Intro:**

Must have hook and a clear thesis statement

Have you ever wondered how people navigate themselves through a busy life? Many successful

**BP1 - Argue for**

Clear Topic Statement and at least two examples

**BP2 - Argue for**

Clear Topic Statement (argue for) and at least two examples

**BP3 - Address a counter-argument(s)**

Clear Topic Statement and at least one example

## Conclusion

PS #1. Check for duplicate words/phrases and

PS #2. Check for extraneous sentences not aligned with the prompt

Have you ever wondered how people navigate themselves through a busy life? Research has been conducted on this, and they concluded that <sup>a good</sup> the best way for a person to reduce stress is by having a hobby that they enjoy. However, many activities that people do for pleasure are costly such as shopping or having a video game setup. However, the activity I do for pleasure helps me make money while I unwind. My hobby is flipping sports cards. I go to various sports card shops and shows and I buy cards in bulk for cheap. Once I have the cards, I sell them for profit on eBay. This ~~brings me pleasure~~ <sup>is fun</sup> in my life and helps me relax as well. ★ ✓

In my <sup>busy</sup> turbulent life, it is important for me to have time to unwind, relax, and experience your passions. With sport cards, there are many ways you can unwind. Whether it is talking to a vendor about sport cards or listing cards by yourself, I find sport cards to be a very unwinding experience. I also enjoy my hobby because it includes my two favorite topics, finance and sports. I have been obsessed with sports since preschool, and I have tried to incorporate it with finance in multiple ways. However, selling sports cards works best for this, as you need to know sports and have an entrepreneurial mind at the same time. <sup>big</sup>

Although you can make large mistakes in this hobby, I use my mistakes as learning opportunities. While first starting off, I found it very daunting to start my own business by myself. I struggled for weeks trying to start it by myself, when I finally realized I needed to consult help. I decided to ask my friend (who was experienced in sports cards) to help me create my store and list cards. He was eager to help and I got my first sale 2 days after. I learned that it is okay to ask people for help sometimes, as it can help you achieve what you want. Second, I also learn communication and negotiation skills. When I went to my first card show, I struggled to get a good deal as I was shy to talk with the dealers and negotiate with them. Even though I felt like giving up, I kept on persisting and I eventually learned how to negotiate. From <sup>1/2</sup> 2 months after my first card show, I was able to make multiple deals in less than 20 minutes. These lessons show me how much I can learn from my hobby, which is why I want to continue it for a long time.

It can be argued that my hobby takes up a lot of time and has a possibility of losing a lot of money. This can happen, but if you restrict yourself it can be evaded. Personally, I limit myself to 1 hour a day on weekdays and 2 hours a day on weekends. To stop the risk of losing money, I try only to spend 100 dollars per card show. As my experience grows, I plan to slowly increase the money on cards. This shows that with self-control, the disadvantages can be ~~evaded~~ <sup>mitigated</sup>.

Sport cards help me relax and unwind, but also help me learn about business and social skills. It helps me relax because it includes my two favorite topics, and it helps me learn about business by experiencing difficult situations. My life would be a lot more discombobulated if it were not for sports cards, so I am very glad I have found my perfect hobby. <sup>muddled</sup>