

HKDSE Examination 2013: English Language Paper 4

Question 4.2 : Contact sports

Individual Response Demo (recorded in Sep 2015):

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Level attained in DSE Eng Lang Paper 4</i>
A	2013	5*
B	2013	5*
C	2013	5**
D	2013	5*

Transcript (verbatim)

Examiner: (Question 1)

Candidate A, what sports do you like the least? You may start now.

A:

Er, the sport I like the least is ... American football because it is a full contact sport. First of all, ... I like it least because of safety concerns. Because in this full contact sports, ... the ... players are very likely to get injured when they are running around, and they may be bumping into each other. So, ... they may get bruises or sprains easily. So, I will protect myself from any kind of injuries and so, I do not like to participate in this sport. Secondly, ... it is because ... it is very inconvenient to play because it requires a lot of protective equipments, such as ... chest guards. And I think I prefer some sports that I can just ... I do not need to get so heavily equipped, such as ... jogging, or table tennis, etc. Lastly, I

think that ... American football is ... does not require such diverse skills such as table tennis, etc. that may have different serves or ... methods to play.

Examiner: (Question 2)

Candidate B, do you prefer full contact sports or non-contact sports? You may start now.

B:

Erm, personally, I prefer non-contact sports because ... it is ... less violent. And concerning about the safety, I think ... there is a high risk for people to get injured or get hurt when playing full contact sports, like ... when playing rugby or American football, very often, it involves a lot of action of pushing and pulling, and this may cause ... some ... injury, especially when people are so passionate or so ... or are enjoying themselves too much. Erm, and also I prefer ... non-contact sports because it requires less physical energy when compared to full contact sports, like, when playing tennis, or golf, ... it only involves the action of swinging the equipment, ... instead of pushing other components away. So, I think that ... when ... when talking about the above two points, I think that non-contact sports is more, is better.

Examiner: (Question 5)

Candidate C, have you ever been injured playing sport? You may start now.

C:

I haven't been seriously injured while playing sport because I've never been ... in contact with any full contact sports before. And I think the only sport that I've been very engaged in in the past is jogging and running. I was in the athletics team and I don't think that ... there is any chance for me to get seriously injured while ... running or jogging. But then, I remember that there was a slight injury for me, which is ... during physical education lesson at school, and we were required to ... play trampoline, and then we got too excited and I jumped too high with a lot of effort, and then when I fell down, I kind of hurt my spine. And, it wasn't a very seriously injury, it's just ... bugged me for about a few weeks. So, I don't think I have ever been seriously injured in, and while doing any sports before.

Examiner: (Question 7)

Candidate D, do you think full contact sports should be banned? You may start now.

D:

I don't think that full contact sport should be banned because ... full contact sports, as we have already discussed, have a lot of advantages to teenagers. And, take myself as an example, I've been playing lacrosse for two years and it's a full contact sport. Erm, and actually, we can avoid injuries by ourselves, like, we can have regular practices and we have acquired a lot of skills that we can prevent injuries. And on top of that, ... maybe our coaches can teach us the skills to, like, avoid injuries. Or, during the

competition, the judges will try to avoid injuries by punishing any violation of ... rules, yeah, like, yeah, so, I think that ... full contact sport should not be banned as it has a lot of advantages such as ... building physical strength, and training the mentality of the teenagers. So, that's it, thank you.