

## Criterion B: Comprehending written and visual text

### Instructions:

- Read the written and visual text below.
- Answer the following questions in the space provided. Use your own word as much as possible.
- Answer the questions **in English or Chinese**.
- You are not allowed to use dictionaries or translators.
- You are not allowed to talk to your classmates or ask them questions.
- You will have **50** minutes to complete the task.

### Strands

- i. identify basic facts, main ideas and supporting ideas, and draw conclusions
- ii. recognize basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing
- iii. engage with written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text.

### Written text

#### School Sports and Leisure Activities

Schooling is not only about studying but also about having fun. Education is best imparted, if learning is made fun. It is very important for the education authorities to ensure that students are not overburdened with the school curriculum and are able to devote sufficient time for their overall development. It is thus important for school officials to encourage the active participation of students in sports. These activities at school act as effective stress busters and also help create an environment that is conducive to the general growth and development of young minds.

#### School Sports

Sports are an essential constituent of a school curriculum. Irrespective of the grade a student is studying in, sports are a must. They help in fostering the much-needed team spirit among students. They help in inculcating a sportsman spirit in them and serve as an effective way of bringing together, children from diverse cultural backgrounds.

- Gymnastics, swimming competitions, tennis and badminton tournaments, cricket and soccer matches and inter-class sports events can be organized in schools.
- Sports enthusiasts can participate in these events, while those not participating can be a part of the cheering team.
- Kids are sure to enjoy activities like cycling and running races, skating, and fun games like tug of war.

## Leisure Activities at School

Wondering how schooling is associated with the word 'leisure'? Well, you are mistaken if you believe that schooling is only about class assignments and homework. School education is much more than that. In fact, it is about helping the students learn the important lessons of life. It aims at their overall development which includes inculcating good values in them. Devoting their entire day to only studies, defeats the purpose of effective school education. It is very important to incorporate some leisure or recreational activities in the school's weekly schedule.

- You can organize yoga sessions and meditation exercises for children, thus introducing them to the proper means of relaxation.
- Loud-reading sessions and library exercises are excellent leisure activities in school. In fact, you can devote one hour every week for reading. Take the kids to the school library and encourage them to explore different books.
- Music and dance classes are excellent options for leisure activities at school.
- You can also arrange art and craft or clay work lessons, thus trying to discover the creativity hidden in the children.
- You might like to organize brainstorming sessions and mental games for students.
- Fun games and team building activities are the best means of engaging young minds in leisure activities, while also enabling a good utilization of their time.

Sports and leisure activities are about making a fruitful use of time in a creative way. **They are the best means to find hidden talent, cultivate bright minds and encourage innovation.** School years are the founding years of one's life. They need to be supplemented with fun and excitement so that children make an ideal beginning to the life's journey ahead.

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<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/school-sports-and-leisure-activities.html>

### Visual text

#### Leisure



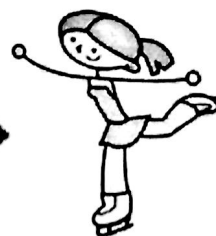
**Freedom From:**

"I finished my  
or homework."



**Freedom to:**

"What activity would I like to do today?"



**Self-discovery:**

"Look what I can do!"



**Growth:**

"I can succeed at  
difficult tasks!"

<https://www.google.com.tw/search?q=leisure+activity+school+children&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=667&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjhuwqat-PLAhXMGIJQKHU04D8UQsAQIHg&dpr=1#imgrc=BG0MLP1CxpoymM%3A>

## Questions:

1. Based on the **written text**, what is the importance of sports in school? Strand i 2 points

students are not overburdened with school curriculum and are able to devote sufficient time for their overall development.

2. Based on the **written text**, why is it very important to incorporate (包含, 体现) some leisure or recreational activities in the school's weekly schedule? Strand i 2 points

It helps in fostering the much-needed team spirit among students. And help in inculcating a sportsman & spirit in them, bringing together, children from diverse cultural backgrounds. Besides, it devoting their entire day to ~~only~~ study, defeats the purpose of effective school education.

3. What does the **visual text** show you? Explain the **images and text** in your own words. Strand i 3 points

The visual text shows me ~~the~~ some leisure activities, I think the first image shows that when you finished your homework therefore you can do the leisure activities. And second picture shows a boy is choosing the leisure activities to do today.

4. What type of **written text** is this? Explain and give reasons for your answers. Strand ii 2 points

It is a ~~text~~ exposition, this article introduce the school sports and leisure activities, ~~it~~ it is a really essential part of the school life.

5. What is the purpose of the written text **AND** the visual text? Please explain your answers based on the **TWO** texts. Strand ii 4 points

I think the purpose of the written is to explain the sports and leisure activities is a really important part of school life, it introduce a lots of ~~benefits~~ advantages of sports and leisure activities, let the audience know these things. The purpose of the visual text is to demonstrate the leisure time you can do what you want and gives perspectives and points to the audience, there are lots of activities you can choose to do.

6. "These two texts are targeting young audiences." Support or oppose this statement using examples from the texts. Strand ii 3 points

I support these two texts, for instance, reading books can encourage the children to explore different books, the arts and craft lessons can discover the creativity hidden in the children. And it can also create an environment that is conducive to the general growth and development of ~~the~~ young minds.

7. Do you think school sports need **not** be limited to the school playground? Why? Strand iii 2 points

Yes, if there are lots of sports ~~are~~ in a school, I think it should not be limited to the school playground, because more and more students are willing to participate in ~~the~~ various sports activities, and it needs the playground.

8. According to **the written text**, "Sports and leisure are **the best means** to find hidden (潜在的) talent, cultivate (培养) bright minds and encourage innovation (创新)." Do you agree or disagree? Why? Strand iii 3 points

Yes, I agree, firstly, if a school don't have the sports and leisure, the students in the school are ~~are~~ not creative, because they ~~don't~~ ~~can't~~ do the leisure to strengthen their horizon. Secondly, there might have <sup>cannot</sup> some hidden student and they are really good at some area just like a talent, the sports and leisure can find them out. Thirdly, sports and leisure can help to build more talent students and cultivate their creative mind.

9. As a student, do you think **the written and visual text** could change your attitude about leisure activities? Why do you think so? Strand iii 3 points

Yes! After I read these two articles, I acquired a huge of advantages of leisure and sports, which open my horizon, and I will following the written text, to be creative and versatile. Besides the visual text really gives to some points, I will do more leisure and sports,