

## Chapter 14 – Essay Questions

1. The authors explain that a critical approach is useful when thinking about the ways that new technologies will be incorporated into sports in the future. Select three different technologies and explain how critical theory can be used to assess each of them in terms of their impact on sports and on people in society.
2. There are four vantage points from which to create the futures of sports: within the system, participation in oppositional groups, creating alternative sports, and transforming culture and social relations. Using examples from your university, community, or nation, identify changes that have been made from each of the four vantage points. Identify the changes that you think are most significant.
3. Athletes are very visible and popular people in many cultures today. However, very few of them can be described as change agents in society. Why are athletes not likely to be agents of change? What factors interfere with them playing this role in society?
4. You are an agent for over 150 professional athletes, a few of whom are highly visible and popular celebrities. They look to you for guidance on becoming involved in their communities. Many of them are interested in being a part of creating the future of sports in those communities. How would you advise them in terms of the types of things they should be doing?
5. If you could bring about one change in the meaning, purpose or organization of sports, what would it be? What theory would guide your selection of the change, and what vantage point would be best for making the change?