

Chapter 5– Essay Questions

1. You are a member of your local city council. Many of the children in your district play cricket on the streets during the warm months of the year. One council member wants to ban this because it is a dangerous, worthless activity that interferes with the traffic patterns in the city. You are interested in the safety of the young people in your district, but you also want to come to their defense and show that street cricket is not a useless activity. What would you say to the council about street cricket, and what policy suggestions might you make in this situation?
2. As a new member of the park and recreation department, you have been asked to reorganize one of the youth sport programmes in the district. You have complete freedom to do anything you want. You want to change the programme so it meets the needs and interests of the children involved. The first thing you do is to call a meeting of all coaches and parents. What would you say in your presentation to them?
3. You are the head physical education teacher in an experimental school that accepts pre–school age children as young as three and elementary school-age children through grade six (about twelve years old). Using material from the text, explain how you would organize the physical activity and sport programmes at the school. How would the programmes change for children of different ages?
4. Coaching education programmes are seen by some people as a sure way to improve organized sport programmes for children. You are working for a Parks and Recreation Department in a large city, and you have been asked to outline the features of a coaching education programme that will bring about needed changes in youth sports. Use material in the chapter to identify the issues that you would consider to be important as you put together the outline.
5. After reading this chapter one of your classmates becomes discouraged and says the programmes are just not worth all the effort adults put into them. You disagree and say they are worth the effort. How would you support your position in the discussion?