

Chapter 9 – Essay Questions

1. You are a white college student watching a Formula 1 event with your grandfather. During the event he says nothing about race, even though all the drivers, pit workers, team owners, and nearly all the spectators are white. You point this out, and he says that he never even noticed race in the event. Explain why your grandfather saw things in these terms and explain the implications of this way of viewing the world on the responses of some whites to black athletes in sports.
2. The phrase “money talks” seems to be quite relevant when explaining the desegregation and growing cultural diversity of certain sports in the UK. Explain what this means. How have financial considerations influenced decisions about desegregation and cultural diversity?
3. As a football coach at an integrated school, you notice that your black players get along with your white players just fine on the field, but their off-the-field social activities are largely segregated. How would you explain this and what could you do to change this pattern?
4. The authors claim that eliminating racial and ethnic segregation and exclusion in sports does not mean that there will be no more challenges related to racial and ethnic relations in sports. What are the main challenges faced in sports where there is racially and ethnically mixed participation?
5. Data clearly suggest that it is difficult to integrate positions of power in sport organizations. What are the indications of this, and why has it been so difficult for people from certain racial and ethnic backgrounds to move up into positions of power in sport organizations?