**Student’s Worksheet 1**

**Linguaskill Writing – sample task**

**This is an example task from the Linguaskill Writing test.**

Read the following statement:

Playing a team sport should be compulsory for students in all schools.

Write an **essay** in which you:

• discuss and evaluate arguments both for and against the statement above

• indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the statement.

Below are some different views that you may wish to consider in your essay:

*‘Schools should concentrate on improving students’ academic grades.’*

*‘Team sports can teach us valuable life skills.’*

*‘Sport should be about enjoying physical exercise, not winners and losers.’*

You can also include any other ideas you think are relevant.

Write **at least 250 words**.

Use your own words as far as possible.

**Student’s Worksheet 2**

**Writing – examiner comments**

**Read the comments from an examiner about different responses to the writing task.**

**Decide if the comments are positive, neutral or negative. Give reasons for your answers.**

1. The candidate wrote 300 words.
2. The candidate wrote about jogging, horse riding and golf.
3. The candidate commented on all three quotes in the task.
4. The candidate wrote an essay all about the benefits of playing football.
5. The candidate explained in detail why they disagree with the statement.
6. The candidate copied the quotes into their essay.
7. The candidate covered all the points in the task in 100 words.
8. The candidate used bullet points to make it easy to identify the content of their response.
9. The candidate made some errors with tenses and used some incorrect words.
10. The candidate’s essay is easy to follow and interesting to read.

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| **Positive** | **Neutral** | **Negative** |
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**Student’s Worksheet 3**

**Writing – discussing and evaluating**

**Look at the expressions below which can be used to discuss and evaluate arguments in an essay.**

**Each expression has an error. Find the error and correct it.**

1. Many people believe in time at school should be spent on learning, not on doing sport.
2. Sport is often consider to be an essential part of learning at school.
3. It is wide accepted that young people today do not do enough exercise.
4. It is often argue that competitive sport puts too much pressure on young people.
5. It seems like me that playing team sports teaches people to work together.
6. According to my opinion, team sports make people too competitive.
7. From my view, sport should never be compulsory.
8. As long as I’m concerned, there is plenty of time to do sport outside school.