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## QUESTION#01

Title: Dark Side of Media

Media plays an important role in educating society, but it also contributes in spreading false and unauthentic information. In social media, persuasive and eye-catching content is prioritized over accurate content. It therefore becomes difficult for the public to distinguish authentic information from false information.

Media also shapes public perception. It often presents a complex issue in an oversimplified manner, which results in lack of understanding and confusion. Media also reduces critical thinking of people due to constant exposure to information. It also shapes cultural norms by often portraying contrasting values. To gain viewership, media also prioritizes fascinating content which increases social divisions. This all happens when media is not properly regulated. The prioritization of personal interests over societal interests have adverse implications for a society.

(126 words)

(A)

Answer: Sportsmanship is conceptualized as an enduring characteristic of behavior in sports situations. It encompasses virtues of fairness, self-control, courage, and persistence. These virtues are often associated with fair treatment of others, and having respect for both opponent and authority. In a nutshell, sportsmanship is the overall attitude of a sportsman towards sport and players.

(a) The four elements of sportsmanship characterized in the passage are good form, the will to win, equity, and fairness. It is important to maintain a balance between all four elements because overemphasis towards one element can result in contradiction with others. For instance, having a high desire to win can compromise fairness. It is therefore essential to maintain balance between all four elements.

(3)

**Answer:** According to the passages the desire to win often conflicts with equity and fairness in sportsmanship. When an individual has desperation of winning, he is willing to compromise principles of equity and fairness. For that sportsman, the results matters more than the process, which creates conflict between elements of sportsmanship.

(4)

**Answer:** The passage associates certain behaviors with a sore loser and a bad winner. A sore loser blames others for the loss, makes excuses for the defeat, reacts immaturely, and does not accept his own responsibility. On the other hand, a bad winner brags about his performance and lowers self-esteem of the opponent by showing disrespect. These behaviors demoralize the spirit of sportsmanship.

## QUESTION #03

- (1) (c) - whole
- (2) (a) abominable
- (3) (a) excuse
- (4) (d) hedistic
- (5) (c) fissure
- (6) (b) eulogize
- (7) (a) discord
- (8) (b) foe
- (9) (b) wayward
- (10) (c) stagnation