

Practice 2 – BMSS 2018 MYE QP

Refer to Text 3 on pages 5 - 6 of the Insert for Questions 15 - 22.

- 15 "It is often said that a sports star will die twice, the first time at retirement" (line 1)

Why does the writer compare a sports star's retirement to death?

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- 16 Sports stars often "make *substantial* personal sacrifices" (line 5) in the pursuit of their goals. Identify another word in the same paragraph which conveys a similar meaning as the word in italics

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- 17 Why do you think that for many athletes, "retirement is a concept that they do not wish to think about in great detail" (lines 8 – 9)?

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- 18 Here is part of a conversation between two athletes, Roger and Maria, who have read the article.



Roger

Retirement brings fresh and positive experiences.

No, I think retirement can be miserable.



Maria

- (a) Give an example from paragraph 2 that Roger can give to support his view.

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- (b) With reference to paragraph 2, give two points to explain why Maria feels as she does.

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- 19 What can athletes do to remedy the "feeling of emptiness in their lives" (lines 24 -25)?
Answer in your own words.

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- 20 With reference to paragraph 3, other than the abrupt termination of the intense demands of elite athletic performance, what makes the transition from full-time athletic careers to retirement so difficult for professional athletes?

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- 21 "It is in this time that social support and communication is of vital importance if the athlete is to avoid the dreaded post-retirement blues" (lines 50 - 52).

- (a) What is the writer's tone in this sentence?

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- (b) Which phrase in this sentence conveys the writer's tone?

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- 22 Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise the reasons why many retired professional athletes fall into depression and what can be done to help them.

Use only information from paragraphs 5 and 6.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not note form). It must not be longer than 80 words (not counting the words given to help you begin).

Many elite athletes are affected by "tunnel vision syndrome" where.....

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