

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This paper consists of two parts: Part A, Group Interaction; and Part B, Individual Response. Part B will immediately follow Part A. DO NOT write anything on this page.

PART A Group Interaction

You will be given 10 minutes to prepare. The time allowed for the group interaction is 8 minutes (or 6 minutes for a group of 3 candidates). You may make notes on the notecard provided and refer to your notes during the discussion.

This article appeared on a sports website:

The Rise of Pickleball

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The sport is played on a small court with a paddle and a plastic ball. It is similar to tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Many people enjoy pickleball because the rules are simple and beginners can learn the game quickly.



Another reason for its popularity is that people of different ages can play together. Young people, adults, and elderly players can all enjoy the sport because it does not require very strong physical strength.

In many cities, sports clubs and community centres are building new pickleball courts to meet the growing demand. Businesses have also started selling pickleball equipment such as paddles, balls, and sportswear. Some entrepreneurs are even opening pickleball training schools and organizing competitions.

However, some people believe the sport may cause noise problems in residential areas, while others think cities should invest more money in traditional sports facilities. Despite these concerns, many experts believe pickleball will continue to grow in popularity in the coming years.

You and your classmates are discussing whether pickleball should be promoted more widely in schools and communities. You may want to talk about:

- reasons for the popularity of pickleball
- the benefits of playing pickleball
- whether it is suitable for students and elderly people
- anything else you think is important

PART B Individual Response

The examiner will ask you one or more questions based on Part A. You will have up to 1 minute to respond.

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PART B Individual Response

1. Why new sports like pickleball are more attractive to young people than traditional sports?
2. How can playing sports improve people's physical and mental health?
3. Would you like to try playing pickleball?
4. Do you think schools should introduce more new or trendy sports?
5. Should schools spend more money on new sports facilities?
6. How can communities encourage more people to participate in sports activities?
7. Do you think new sports can create business opportunities?
8. Do you think social media has helped promote new sports like pickleball?