

The money that some professional sportsmen earn shouldn't impress anyone when you take into (1) the fact that only a few of them manage to (2) immortality and everlasting fame. And once they reach their (3) and display their talent at their best, they are fully conscious that their brilliant careers won't last for ever. They live under a constant pressure of being (4) and subsequently replaced by someone who is younger, faster and more (5). For that reason, objectives like retirement benefits and pensions are (6) great concern to all professional athletes.

Some of the retired competitors go as far as to organize strikes and rallies to (7) their protest against any policy unresponsive to their demands (8) the younger professionals seek more upgrading solutions to the problem as more and more of them attach a proper significance to (9) a solid education, even at university level. Such an approach should help them find interesting and well-paid jobs (10) their sports career is over.

A completely new strategy has been (11) by the schools priding themselves (12) supporting their own teams. Their authorities insist that the sports clubs members achieve high academic standards or else they are debarred from partaking in certain sports events, which may lead to further (13) in their professional careers.

By these practical and most effective (14), combining education with sports activity, the (15) of the professional athlete as being brainless and unintelligent may eventually be changing to the sportsmen's benefit.

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| 1. a) reflection | b) attention | c) examination | d) consideration |
| 2. a) obtain | b) fulfil | c) attain | d) succeed |
| 3. a) prime | b) shape | c) best | d) capacity |
| 4. a) outcast | b) outshone | c) outstayed | d) outgrown |
| 5. a) achieved | b) attributed | c) accomplished | d) accredited |
| 6. a) with | b) in | c) at | d) of |
| 7. a) voice | b) claim | c) insist | d) speak |
| 8. a) whereby | b) whereas | c) whereupon | d) wherein |
| 9. a) mastering | b) learning | c) receiving | d) attending |
| 10. a) right away | b) promptly | c) barely | d) once |
| 11. a) assembled | b) installed | c) devised | d) emerged |
| 12. a) with | b) on | c) for | d) in |
| 13. a) disruption | b) hitch | c) detachment | d) wreckage |
| 14. a) grounds | b) results | c) factors | d) means |
| 15. a) vision | b) outlook | c) image | d) judgement |

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1. response to the rising demand petrol, its production has had to be increased.
2. She said she didn't need any support and that she could arrange everything herself.
3. Danny wished his father could stay good, but the man still had a few months of the military service to do.
4. Rather than go foot in the heavy rain, we preferred to wait a bus, however long that might have been.
5. Mrs Railey was very glad her son's victory in the school competition.
6. I'm unable to use my computer present; it's been repair since last Monday.
7. After a long walk through the dense jungle, the refugees found themselves in a rocky terrain where they could feel free their pursuers.
8. The poor man who died heart attack had been our most devoted worker.
9. The police have come across some substantial evidence, which will make it easier for the court to charge the terrorists murder.
10. Would you mind waiting a minute? We are expecting the mail any moment.
11. Apart a harsh physical training, the troops have had to go through an extensive language course.
12. For many years, the population of the Syberian tiger has been real danger of extinction.
13. Throughout the whole ceremony the president couldn't get rid of his anxiety the possible assassination.
14. Alice is working really hard her business skills as she wants to make a good manageress.
15. This man has no idea about the law procedures, he must have been appointed as a juror mistake.