

C. Read the essay below about whether it is necessary for students to have homework. Choose the most suitable topic sentence (a or b) for each paragraph and say why you think it is the most suitable choice.

NAME :

1) _____ Most students hate the thought of it. However, most teachers think it is a necessary part of the learning process.

2) _____ By doing homework, students have the opportunity to practise what they have learnt during the lesson. Furthermore, homework helps students to revise and consolidate knowledge.

3) _____ They feel that spending time with friends and family or doing a sport is a very important part of growing up. Moreover, as they see it, practice, revision and consolidation can be done during school hours.

4) _____ Personally, I would rather have time after school for my own interests. However, whenever teachers need to assign homework, it should be very little.

1.
 - a) Ask a student about homework and you will be told that it is a form of punishment.
 - b) If you ask students and teachers about homework, you will get a variety of different reactions.
2.
 - a) Those who believe that homework is necessary, believe that without it, learning is not as effective as it should be.
 - b) However, we have to admit that there are some advantages to having students do homework.
3.
 - a) On the other hand, many believe that students spend enough time in school and need time after school for free-time activities.
 - b) In fact, that is only one side of the story.
4.
 - a) The way I see it, students should not have to do schoolwork at home.
 - b) To sum up, homework has more advantages than disadvantages.

D. Read the writing task below and make a list of the advantages and disadvantages in the table.

What are the pros and cons of team sports?

	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Not all players get along with each other.		
Players learn to share feelings.		
Players get a sense of belonging.		
Players can become too dependent on each other.		
Players can meet other people with the same interest.		
Players may feel under pressure to perform well.		
Players may let others down when they don't perform well.		
Players learn to cooperate and work towards a common goal.		
Players have someone to share their successes and failures with.		