

Part 5**Questions 33 to 40**

We interviewed six Form 5 students about their opinion on extracurricular activities. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

A – Farah Hassan, 17

I am a school debater and have been involved in this activity from when I was in Form 2. I feel that it has done me a lot of good as I could see that I could write very good argumentative essays. Being in the debate team has also helped me overcome my fears of public speaking.

B – Raj Mohan, 17

For me, my studies come first. I have to excel in my studies because I am the eldest in my family and I have to be a good example for my younger siblings. I could not sacrifice my time on extracurricular activities because I want to get into university and become a doctor.

C – Christopher Chong, 17

Basketball is my life and I am really good at it. I am also the state's basketball player so training is taking up a large chunk of my time. Sometimes there would be a competition outside town and I have to be away from school. Because of this I have to do a lot of catching up in my studies during the weekends but this is taking away my time from my friends.

D – Aparna Kanesan, 17

My dad has always encouraged me to do extracurricular activities. Since little I have been sent to swimming classes. Now I attend piano class and classical Indian dance class after school. He says he wants me to fill up my time with something worthwhile.

E – Aqila Rahman, 17

I want to do well in my studies because I want to make my parents proud of me. Once I come home from school, I would be involved in online tuition classes for 4 different subjects. I want to join the scouts because I see that they are always doing something interesting. I wish I had more support from my parents and allow me to join the camping trips.

F – Syahmi Rasif, 17

For me, my studies are very important and so is extracurricular activities in school. I believe that we need to be able to balance both of these. Extracurricular activities teach us the soft skill such as speaking in public, organising an event or simply chairing a meeting.

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A – F) describes the following opinion on extracurricular activities?

Statements	Paragraph
33. I hope my parents will allow me to join the activities.	_____
34. I am better in class because of the activities.	_____
35. I have less time spent with friends.	_____
36. I cannot sacrifice my time for these activities.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

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- You need to spend your time doing something (37) _____. Getting involved in extracurricular is one way to do this.
- I am able to conduct a meeting and (38) _____ our studies with other activities after school.
- We need to be able to (39) _____ our studies.
- I (40) _____ in the activity because it will improve my soft skills.