

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

SPORT IN SOCIETY



The position of sport in today's society has changed out of all **1)** _____ [RECOGNISE]. People no longer seem to think of sport as "just a game" – to be watched or played for the sake of **2)** _____ [ENJOY]. Instead, it has become big business **3)** _____ [WORLD]. It has become accepted practice for **4)** _____ [LEAD] companies to provide **5)** _____ [SPONSOR]. TV programmes pay large sums of money to screen important matches or **6)** _____ [COMPETE]. The result has been huge **7)** _____ [FINANCE] rewards for athletes, some of whom are now very **8)** _____ [WEALTH], particularly top **9)** _____ [FOOTBALL], golfers and tennis players. In addition, it is not **10)** _____ [USUAL] for some athletes to receive large fees on top of their salary, for advertising **11)** _____ [PRODUCE] or making personal **12)** _____ [APPEAR].

A trend towards shorter **13)** _____ [WORK] hours means that people **14)** _____ [GENERAL] tend to have more free time, both to watch and to take part in sporting activity. Sport has become a **15)** _____ [SIGNIFY] part of the **16)** _____ [RECREATE] industry that we now rely on to fill our leisure hours. **17)** _____ [PROFESSION] sport is a vital part of that industry, providing **18)** _____ [PLEASE] for millions of ordinary people all over the world.

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