IELTS reading practice

Multiple choice

1. Read the following text and answer the questions below.

The ethos of the aristocracy, as exemplified in the English public schools, greatly influenced Pierre de Coubertin. The public schools subscribed to the belief that sport formed an important part of education, an attitude summed up in the saying 'mens sana in corpore sano', a sound mind in a sound body. In this ethos, a gentleman was one who became an all-rounder, not the best at one specific thing. There was also a prevailing concept of fairness, in which practising or training was considered tantamount to cheating.

1. De Coubertin agreed with the idea that:

A) sport is an activity for gentlemen.

B) schooling should promote both physical and mental health.

C) sport is the most important part of a child's education.

2. In De Coubertin's view:

A) it is easier to be good at many sports, rather than the best at one sport.

B) training is necessary if you want to be an all-rounder.

C) training gives the athlete an unfair advantage.

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