

SPM ESSAY 2

Question : **Taking part in extra-curricular activities is a waste of time. Do you agree?**

Introduction

- Extra – curricular activities are non-academic activities conducted outside the classroom.
- more commonly abbreviated to ECAs, cover a wide range of activities, from sports to athletics to uniformed societies.
- some people feel that taking part in extra-curricular activities is a waste of time.
- there are many advantages in participating in these activities.

Main Body

- a) Firstly uniformed societies like Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and the Red Crescent society teach their members basic survival skills.
 - enables members to be prepared for any though situation.
 - uniformed organizations contribute a lot to society each year through donations and social work
 - active in these societies learn to be caring and helpful towards others.
 - societies like the Red Crescent Society and St John's ambulance teach their members first – aid.
 - can come in handy when someone is injured and requires immediate medical attention.
- b) Through group activities, members learn to respect and cooperate with each other.
 - also given a chance to head an activity or a group project.
 - ensure that their leadership skill are honed.
 - leadership skills are important after one leaves school and start working because one is then equipped to deal with different types of people.
- c) Besides the uniformed societies, students can choose whatever club or society they are interested in
 - societies such as the Drama Club or the Maths Club.
 - enhance their members' ability in those particular fields.
 - doing well in ECAs.
 - show their potential employers.
 - they have extra abilities acquired outside the classroom
- d) Sports also instills discipline in a student.
 - who take part in sports have to stick to a daily timetable and watch what they eat.
 - students are required to listen to their coaches or risk getting injured.
 - more self-discipline and perseverance.
- e) In fact, sport and other ECAs help to develop a strong character.
 - promote basic moral values.
 - instill discipline.
 - independence.
 - respect for fear and elders.
 - learnt from any textbook

Conclusion

I conclude by decisively saying that taking part in extra – curricular activities is not a waste of time.