OPINION ESSAY: “The Olympic Games are a waste of money. Do you agree or disagree?”

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However, millions of young people all over the world love both the Summer Games and the Winter Games. As a result, they play more sports and do more exercise, and they become strong and healthy. Furthermore, countries from all over the world join the Olympic games. It is not really important who the winners are because the people from many different countries can become friends.

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THE OLYMPICS

ESSAY ANALYSIS: Write your answers to the questions below.

1. How many paragraphs are there in the essay? ___________
2. How many sentences are there in Paragraph 1? ___________
3. Is Paragraph 2 ‘for’ or ‘against’ spending money on the Olympics?  
   (a) for  
   (b) against
4. Is Paragraph 3 ‘for’ or ‘against’ spending money on the Olympics?  
   (a) for  
   (b) against
5. Write the two REASONS given in Paragraph 2 and in Paragraph 3:

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6. Add one more REASON of your own for Paragraph 2 and for Paragraph 3:

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First of all, sports stadiums (3)______ many years to build and they cost many millions of dollars. Instead, cities could use this money to (4)______ the people who live there. Secondly, drug testing (5)______ that many athletes take drugs to help them win. Maybe we shouldn’t spend money on sports events where people (6)______ drugs.

However, millions (7)______ young people all over the world love both the Summer Games and the Winter Games. As a result, (8)______ play more sports and do more exercise, and they become strong (9)______ healthy. Furthermore, countries from all over the world join the Olympic games. It is not really important who the winners are because the people (10)______ many different countries can become friends.

In summary, there (11)______ good reasons both for and against spending money on the Olympics. Nevertheless, I feel strongly that cities should (12)______ to spend money on these games.

1. (A) looked  (B) will look  (C) looking  (D) are looking

5. (A) shows  (B) show  (C) showing  (D) are showing

9. (A) so  (B) but  (C) and  (D) because

2. (A) spent  (B) spends  (C) spend  (D) spending

6. (A) uses  (B) is using  (C) using  (D) use

10. (A) at  (B) from  (C) for  (D) to

3. (A) take  (B) took  (C) are taking  (D) taking

7. (A) in  (B) at  (C) for  (D) of

11. (A) has  (B) have  (C) is  (D) are

4. (A) helped  (B) helps  (C) help  (D) helping

8. (A) their  (B) them  (C) they  (D) they’re

12. (A) continue  (B) continuing  (C) continues  (D) continued

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Many cities want to spend a lot of money to be the host city for the Olympics. (1) **However**, many people (2) ___________ that there is no reason to spend so much money for this. (3) ___________ ___________ look at some of the (4) ___________ ___________ ___________ spending money on the Olympics.

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(13) ___________ ___________ ___________, there are good reasons both for and against spending money on the Olympics. (14) ___________ ___________, I feel strongly that cities (15) ___________ continue to spend money on these games.
Essay Analysis

(1) four
(2) three
(3) against (b)
(4) for (a)
(5) Paragraph 2:
   1. The money used for stadiums could help other people.
   2. We shouldn’t spend money on sports events where people use drugs.
Paragraph 3:
   1. Millions of people love the Olympics (so they do more exercise).
   2. People from different countries can become friends.
(6) Answers will vary.

Grammar-in-Context


Listen-and-write

1. However
2. think
3. This essay will
4. arguments
5. for and against
6. First of all
7. could
8. Secondly
9. Maybe we shouldn’t
10. However
11. As a result
12. Furthermore
13. because
14. In summary
15. Nevertheless
16. should