

Outline the issues facing disabled performers in sport.

[7 marks]

(Sport, and people with disabilities)

Opportunity

1. (money) Discuss the cost/lack of investment/insufficient sponsorship/expense of specialist equipment.
2. (clubs) Discuss the lack of clubs/organisations/activities in local areas – how far do People with disabilities have to travel ?
3. (awareness) Do disabled people know about the opportunities available to them near where they live ?
4. (other issues) Are there any gender/race/age/ability/class restrictions which will make the problem worse ?
5. (media) Is there enough media exposure of opportunities available locally ?

Provision

6. (access) Does the access to sports facilities cater for people with disabilities ? (physical problems of access/ramps/shower facilities/ tap heights/refreshment access /changing facilities)
7. (equipment) Is there a lack of suitable/specialist/adapted equipment to cater for people with disabilities ?
8. (transport) Is there suitable transport available to take disabled people to their local sports facilities and get them home afterwards ? (Many may be able to solve this problem themselves)
9. (coaches) Are there enough coaches/trained instructors who specialise in sport for people with disabilities

Esteem

10. (discrimination) Are disabled people likely to be put off doing sport because they feel that others discriminate against them and treat them unfairly ? Do some people believe that those from minority groups have fewer rights than themselves as individuals.
11. (attitudes) Do some people have attitudes/myths/beliefs that all disabled people want to do the same thing.
12. (role models) Are there enough role models to inspire disabled people to participate ? (refer to the Paralympics)
13. (competition) Are there enough suitable competitions for disabled performers ?
14. (self) Do disabled people have a positive self-esteem and self-image / Are they likely to participate in sport / Did they have a positive or negative school experience ?