

# RASI ENGLISH GUIDES 2023-24

## MARATHON TEST – 9

### 2. CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR

STD: XI

SUB: ENGLISH

**I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions.****7x1=7***With all my heart I do admire**Athletes who sweat for fun or hire***1. Whom does the poet admire?****2. For what reason do the athletes sweat?***Well, ego it might be pleased enough**But zealous athletes play so rough----***3. What pleases the ego?****4. Why are athletes often rough during play?***When officialdom demands**Is there a doctor in the stands?***5. Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?****6. Why does the poet make such an observation?***One infant grows up and becomes a jockey,**Another plays basketball or hockey***7. Who is a 'jockey'?****II. Explain the following with reference to the context.****1x3 =3***6. And reassure myself anew**That you are not me and I'm not you.***III. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.****1x5 =5**

6. You are the School Pupil Leader. Mention some qualities that can be drawn from the field of sports to improve your leadership skills.

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**ANSWER KEY**

1. The athletes
2. Athletes sweat for **fun** or **for financial benefits**.
3. **Exchanging position with the athletes** pleases the ego.
4. As the athletes **play for victory**, they play roughly.
5. Doctors are called from stands **when players get injured**.
6. **Since the poet is not willing to take part in the game**, he makes such an observation.
7. Jockey is a horse rider.

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