

## Football Match

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### Essay No. 01

Every year different sorts of games are played in our college/school on sports day. Out of these, Football Match is my favorite game. It was on Wednesday when football match was played between our college team and public college team. It was an interesting match. It was played in our ground. It was a fine sunny afternoon. A large crowd from far and near had gathered to see the match. Shri Mohan Singh blew the whistle. Both teams entered the field. All the players were in their people uniforms. They looked smart. The sides were decided by means of a toss. The players took their positions. The ball was placed in the centre. The referee whistled and the match started.

Both the teams were equally strong. The ball began to roll here and there. The players began to dash. Our team pressed the opponents hard, but their goal keeper was very expert. He made difficult save. Once our team got a chance. It was a very anxious moment for our rival team, but their goal keeper saved the situation. After half time the play started again.

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### Essay No. 2

#### A Football Match

A football match was played between St. John's College and Government college, Agra. It was the final match of the inter – college tournament of the year. The two teams were well- known for their game.

The match began punctually at 4 p.m. in the sunny weather. For the first ten minutes the two teams were evenly balanced. The ball remained mostly in the central area of the field. The Government College team began to press their opponents slowly. Their two forward players made great efforts to take the ball to opponent's side but the St. John's College backs put up a mighty defence. Thus

the game grew more exciting. The spectators. Cheered and clapped loudly at every fine kick the player gave.

Neither side was able to score any goal till half time. People began to think that the match might end in a draw that day, but that was not to be. When the game was resumed after half time the Government College team changed tactics. Its captain made some changes in the position of the players on the fields. Now the game became very contested. The forwards of both teams made great attacks while backs strained every nerve to drive them away. At about 4.45 p.m. the captain of the Government College team gave a mighty kick and the centre forward received it and ran forward. The players of the other side surrounded him but he very skillfully carried the ball into the semi- circle and managed to give a splendid kick. The ball fell straight into the net, though the goal- keeper did his best to catch it.

Immediately shouts of joy went up into the air. The Government College team had scored a fine goal. And now the other team doubled their efforts to avert the defeat. During the last ten minutes the game was very brisk and excited. But till 5 p.m. neither side could score any other goal. Now we all thought that the final match was going to be won by the Government.

The St. John's players did not lose hope till the last. Their courage and patience was ultimately rewarded. Their captain, a tall , healthy fellow, got hold of the ball and with a strong kick drove it into the opponent's net. The crowd went wild with shouts. It was 5.7 p.m. and three minutes later, the umpire gave ten more minutes to play.

During these ten minutes the St. John's players played with courage and skill. They pressed the other team hard and within the next five minutes succeeded in scoring another goal. This proved to be a decisive goal. The government College players failed to score.

As the clock struck 5.20 p.m. the match was over. The Government college captain and congratulated him on the victory his side had won.

Essay No. 03

### **A Football Match**

Football is one of the most popular games in the world, though in India, cricket is more popular. It is perhaps because of this craze for cricket that India lags behind in football, although she has demonstrated a number of times that she can to be a big nation in all kinds of sports only if a little more enthusiasm for this game is shown by the Indian government and people.

Last week, a District Schools football tournament was organised by our District Godavari Club. The tournament was held in the playground of the local government school. The inaugural match was played between our school team and the local Spring Dale Public School team. Mr. Amandeep was the Captain of our school football team.

The match started at almost 11.30 am. It started two hours behind schedule because of rain.

It was a closely contested match. It seemed to be a no-win match for either team. Till the end of the first half, both the teams were goalless.

However, our school boys upped the momentum in the second half and managed to pierce the rival defence in 45th minute. There was a wave of rejoicing in our school team and our school students who were witnessing the match.

Then, there was suddenly a note of dismay when in the 47th minute, the rival team also scored a goal.

It appeared that the match would end in a draw. However, Rajat of our school team scored the second goal in the tie-breaker and this is how our school team won the match.

Essay No. 04

### **World Cup Football-2006**

The biggest sporting tournament of the world, the 18th FIFA (Federation International de Football Association) Football World Cup 2006, was declared open by the German President, Horst Koehler in Munich (Germany) on June 9, 2006. The spectacular event was witnessed by a 60,000 strong audience in the Allianz Arena of Munich as well as by hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide on the television. For the first time in the history of the mega event, every living member of the past World Cup winning teams was present at the opening ceremony. More than 100 former players took part in a parade during the event. The tournament was played from June 9 to July 9, 2006.

In the final of the tournament played between Italy and France, in the Olympic Stadium in Berlin (Germany), on July 9, 2006, Italy defeated France (5-3) in a penalty shootout to win the trophy. This was the fourth World Cup victory for Italy, the previous ones being in 1934, 1938 and 1982. Only Brazil with five wins, have more World Cup victories than Italy. The tournament once again proved that European teams dominate on European soil, while South American teams

dominate on non-European soil, a law broken only once with Brazil's win at the 1958 FIFA World Cup in Sweden.

The World Cup 2006 also marked the return of the dominance of the original superpowers of the game, and proved that the Korea-Japan World Cup 2002 was nothing but an aberration as two of the last World Cup's four semifinalists—Turkey and South Korea could not even make it to the second round.

Italy beat France 5-3 on penalties in the World Cup final after the two teams finished level at 1-1 after extra time in a dramatic encounter in which French playmaker Zinedine Zidane was sent off. It was only the second shootout at a World Cup final. Brazil beat Italy on penalties after a 0-0 draw in 1994. Germany took third place beating Portugal 3-1 on two sensational goals by Bastians Schweinsteiger. He also set up the third, when his free kick was deflected in for an own-goal by Portugal's Armando Petit.

Over 30 days of excitement and thrill saw 32 teams playing in 64 matches. A sum total of 147 goals were scored in the 64 matches with an average of 2.3 goals per match in this edition of the World Cup while 161 goals, at an average of 2.52 goals per match, were scored in the 2002 edition. Miroslav Klose of Germany, with five goals to his credit, was the top scorer in the tournament for which he was awarded the 'Golden Shoe' award.

In 2010 the FIFA World Cup will be hosted by South Africa. Matches for the 2010 tournament will be staged in 10 stadiums, in nine South African Cities.

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