



A level Physical Education
Paper 3 – Transition Work
Sport & Society



Essay based Task

From **28th July to 8th August 2022**, **Birmingham hosted the 22nd Commonwealth Games** (“Birmingham 2022” or “the Games”) bringing together athletes from across the **seventy-two Commonwealth nations and territories** to participate in the **largest multi-sport event held in England in the last 10 years (London 2012 -Olympic Games)**

Planning for Birmingham 2022 commenced in 2018, leaving just four and a half years to prepare, compared to the usual seven years. This shortened preparatory period was also affected by a wide range of unprecedented circumstances including the UK’s exit from the European Union (Brexit), the COVID-19 global pandemic, and resultant challenges including delays to construction, increased supply chain costs, and workforce constraints. A number of stakeholders interviewed also identified that planned and unplanned industrial action over the Games period added further obstacles to delivery.

The planning and operational delivery of the Games was led by a partnership of organisations. Their objective, as captured in the **Birmingham 2022 Legacy Plan and driven by the public sector investments** made, was for Birmingham 2022 to have a **positive impact and leave a positive lasting legacy for Birmingham, the West Midlands and beyond**. Collectively they sought to deliver ‘the Games for Everyone’.

A total of **£778 million of public funding** was allocated to enable the investment that went into preparations for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and 11 days of sporting events (the “Birmingham 2022 Games events” or “Games events”). The **public investment** into delivering the Games events also helped to unlock over **£85 million in additional funding from a range of public and third sector bodies to support wider legacy activities**.

The Games was delivered within this **allocated budget of £778 million** and the UK government has announced that it will **invest over £60 million of unspent contingency funding** from this core budget in the West Midlands to further enhance the legacy of the Games.

TASK – Essay Question

NO more than 3 sides

Critically analyse what the impact of the 2022 Commonwealth Games has had on the city of Birmingham. Furthermore, provide relevant evidence/ examples to support your findings.

NOTE: Your essay should reflect on the **social, economic, political and sporting** impacts. Draw upon and discuss the **possible advantages and drawbacks** alongside **relevant examples** to support your findings.