



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 11.12.2023

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1. Which of the following is not in line with the author's view?

- A. Advancements in training and nutrition have not driven the bulk of the gains in the average PGA Tour driving distance in the last two decades
- B. As compared to soccer, golf is a less interesting, less strategic game where fewer skills matter at the sport's top levels
- C. Golf equipment manufacturers play a dominant role in the direction of the sport
- D. Courses that host big events have tried to make holes harder and move tees backward to counter advancements in golf ball design that increase driving distance

Explanation : B

The author does not state or imply anywhere in the article that golf is a less interesting or strategic game as compared to soccer. All other options relate to points mentioned in the article.

2. The author talks about Air Jordans in the article in order to drive home the point that:

- A. Unlike other sports that do not require that players buy costly, sophisticated equipment, golf is different
- B. Unlike manufacturers of other sport products, golf manufacturers have dramatically altered the sport
- C. Unlike other sports where there is a bifurcation in the products that the world's best players and the recreational players use, in golf, there is no such difference
- D. Unlike manufacturers of other sport products, golf equipment manufacturers engage in manipulative marketing

Explanation: B

Note the lines, 'But what golf products have done with this message is very different from, say, what Air Jordans did. Michael Jordan's Nike line didn't make basketball a fundamentally different sport to play. The golf manufacturers, on the other hand, have dramatically altered golf.'

3. What, according to the author, is "grim" about the golf ball rollback?

- A. It will lead to a bifurcation between the professional players and recreational players
- B. It will alter the sport a great deal for the recreational players
- C. It will bring back skills that have been eradicated over the past 2 decades in the pro game
- D. The rollback applies to both professional and recreational players

Explanation: D

Refer to the lines, 'What's grim about the golf ball rollback isn't the policy itself. It's a strong idea... The rollback, as advocates like McIlroy have argued, will "help bring back certain skills in the pro game that have been eradicated over the past 2 decades," and it shouldn't change the sport a whole lot for the rest of us. Instead, what sucks about the rollback is the reason it applies to regular players at all.'