Please answer all questions:

1. For Monday you were assigned an article, “From idealism to pragmatic detachment: The academic performance of college athletes,” written by Adler and Adler (PDF on website). It was also summarized in your text, and we discussed it in class. In it, the authors report a four year study of a university basketball team. What were their observations, their conclusions, and their interpretation of the causes of the changes they observed in the students? (4 points)

2. In chapter 16 of your readings, Eitzen discusses “The dark side of competition”. What is his basic thesis in this chapter, and what are at least two of the ethical dilemmas he raises in this context? (2 points)

3. Three theories about aggression are discussed in chapter 7 of your text: instinct theory, frustration-aggression, and social learning theory. Say in a sentence what each of these theories proposes. Which of them has received the most support in sports contexts? (3 points)

4. In his chapter, “Crime and Athletes: New Racial Stereotypes”, Richard Lapchick presents a large number of facts that may have surprised you. Please choose two of these and explain why you found them surprising. (2 points)

5. Your text (chapter 11, p. 247 ) claims that, “Several interpreters have argued . . . that TV has produced more revolutionary and irrevocable changes in sport than anything since . . . the mid-nineteenth century.” There follow nine subheadings discussing these changes. What are three of these changes, and how has TV caused them? (3)

6. You read three chapters on socialization, gender, and sports in the readings book: 12: “The de-athleticization of women”, 32: “Sport and gender” and 34. “The meaning of success: the athletic experience and the development of male identity.” Choose one of them, and state the major points that were being made. (3 points)

7. In your text (Chapter 14), a number of myths or stereotypes regarding women athletes are presented, analyzed, and largely debunked. State three of them and say why the authors claim they are not true. (3 points)