

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Positive personal qualities - Tiger Woods

Positive personal qualities – case study

Tiger Woods



Most people will recognise this man. His name is Eldrick Tont Woods and he was born on December 30, 1975. His nickname, by which you probably know him best, is Tiger.

Tiger Woods is an American professional golfer, and is the most successful golfer of all times. He has won 14 professional major golf championships. He was the youngest golfer ever to win the “Grand Slam”.

Tiger Woods was a child prodigy. He began playing golf when he was only two years old. When he was three years old he played in a golf tournament and did very well. At the age of five he

appeared in the Golf Digest and on a television show called “That’s Incredible”. When he was eight he won the 9 -16 boys event. He won the Junior World Championships six times. At 15 he became the youngest ever United States Junior Golf Champion.

Tiger Woods went to university and studied economics. However, he left university after two years to turn golf professional. During 2009 he was rated as the World No 1 golfer.

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Questions:

1. It is known that Tiger Woods's father Earl, who was also a golfer, encouraged his son to play from an early age. Do you think that Earl was right to do that? Explain your answer. [4]
2. How do you think that Tiger Woods became so good at golf by the age of 5? [4]
3. What positive personal qualities do you think Tiger Woods has? [4]
4. What can you learn about personal qualities from this case study? [4]
5. Did you enjoy reading this case study? Explain your answer. [4]

Total marks: 20

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Suggested Solutions

Question Number	Possible marks	Solution
1	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Own opinion, but must be substantiated. [4]2. Own opinion, e.g. his father encouraged and praised him, he practised for many hours, he had natural talent, he enjoyed playing golf, etc. [4]3. Own opinion, e.g. self-motivation, hard-working, conscientious, perseverance, drive, etc. Should not be just a repetition of the previous answer. [4]4. Own answer – e.g. talent is not enough, one still has to practise, believe in yourself and your own ability, etc. [4]5. Own opinion, but must be substantiated, e.g. I enjoyed reading this story because Tiger Woods has natural talent and he has also worked hard to succeed, etc. [4]