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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Paper 1 Theory

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen. Do **not** use correction fluid or tape.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **16** pages.

- 1 Describe **one** aspect of each of the following.

physical health and well-being

.....

mental health and well-being

.....

social health and well-being

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[3]

- 2 Circle the equation that is used to calculate cardiac output.

heart rate × stroke volume

residual volume × stroke volume

tidal volume × residual volume

tidal volume × heart rate

[1]

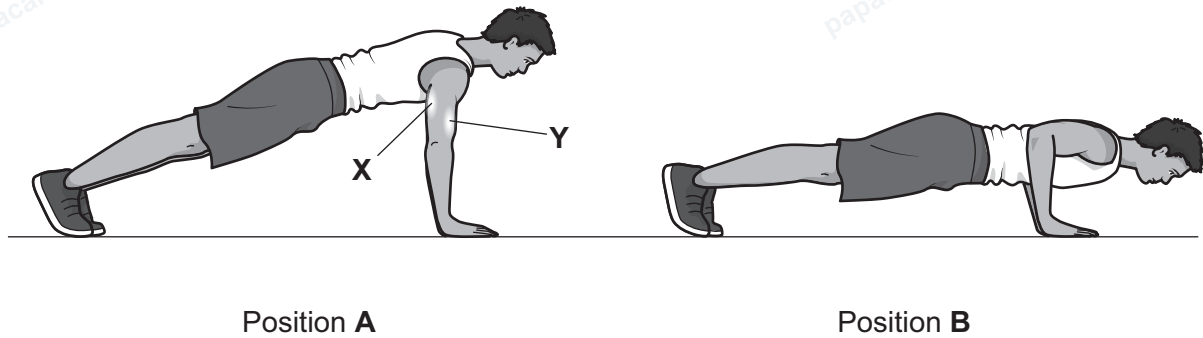
- 3 State **two** personality types.

1

2

[2]

- 4 The diagrams show a performer completing the downward phase of a press-up.



- (a) Identify the muscles labelled **X** and **Y**.

X

Y [2]

- (b) Identify the type of movement at the following joints when moving from position **A** to position **B**.

elbow

shoulder [2]

- (c) (i) Identify the type of muscle contraction at muscle **X** when holding position **A**.

..... [1]

- (ii) Identify the type of muscle contraction at muscle **X** when moving from position **A** to position **B**. Describe this type of muscle contraction.

type of muscle contraction

description

..... [2]

[Total: 7]

5 (a) Compare skill and ability.

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..... [1]

(b) Explain how each of the following factors may affect skill levels.

culture

.....

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anxiety

.....

.....

teaching and coaching

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..... [3]

(c) Using a named physical activity, describe a different example of each of the following characteristics of a skilled performance.

physical activity

fluent

.....

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consistent

.....

.....

coordinated

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..... [3]

[Total: 7]



6 The photograph shows a gymnast performing a type of balance.



(a) Identify the **two** types of balance.

1

2 [2]

(b) Describe how a named fitness test to measure balance is carried out.

name of test

description

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.....

.....

.....

..... [4]

- (c) Other than balance, explain how **two** named components of fitness may benefit the performance of a gymnast.

component 1

benefit

.....

.....

component 2

benefit

.....

.....

[4]

- (d) Describe a different example of how a coach may provide each of the following types of guidance to a gymnast.

manual / mechanical

.....

verbal

.....

[2]

[Total: 12]



- 7 (a) Complete the table to identify a different type of performance-enhancing drug (PED) for each statement.

statement	type of performance-enhancing drug (PED)
shot putters are more likely to use this type of drug than long distance runners	
sprinters may use this type of drug to get a better start in a race	
golfers may use this type of drug because of its calming effect when putting	
some performers may use this type of drug to lose weight and get into a lower weight category	

[4]

- (b) Urine analysis is one method of testing for the use of performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs). Suggest **one** other method of testing for PEDs.

..... [1]

- (c) Other than negative effects on a performer's health, suggest **three** disadvantages of using PEDs for a performer.

1

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2

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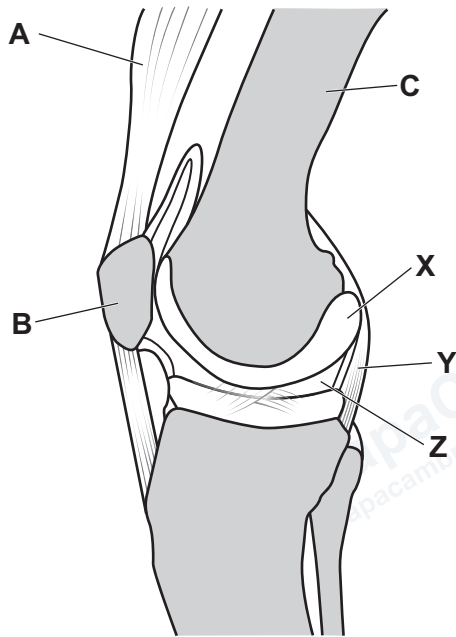
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[3]

[Total: 8]

8 The diagram shows structures labelled at the knee joint.



(a) (i) Identify the muscle labelled **A**.

..... [1]

(ii) Identify the bone labelled **B**.

..... [1]

(iii) Identify and classify the bone labelled **C**.

bone

classification

[2]

(b) Structures **X**, **Y** and **Z** are components of a synovial joint.

Identify the structures labelled **X**, **Y** and **Z**. Describe a different function of each structure.

X

function

.....

Y

function

.....

Z

function

.....

[6]

(c) Compare the range of movement and stability of the knee joint with the shoulder joint.

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..... [2]

[Total: 12]



9 The photograph shows a performer using power to shoot in a game of handball.



(a) (i) Suggest **one** method of training that may increase power.

..... [1]

(ii) Other than increasing power, describe **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of the method of training identified in 9(a)(i).

advantage

.....

disadvantage

.....

[2]

(b) (i) Describe how a named fitness test to measure power is carried out.

name of test

description

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[4]





(ii) Describe **four** reasons why a coach may ask their performer to carry out fitness tests.

- 1
-
- 2
-
- 3
-
- 4
-

[4]

(c) Identify the main type of respiration used when shooting with power in handball. Outline how energy is released during this type of respiration.

type of respiration

how energy is released

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[2]

[Total: 13]



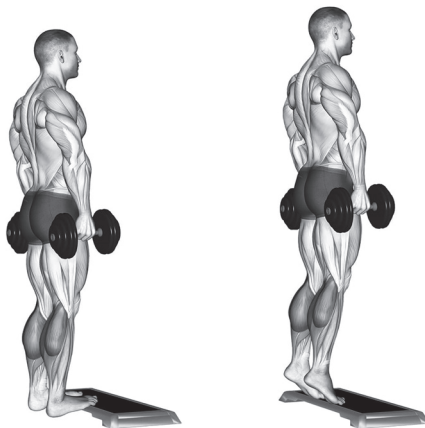


10 (a) Circle the letter that shows the correct components of a lever.

- A resistance / fulcrum / energy
- B fulcrum / effort / resistance
- C frequency / effort / rotation
- D energy / frequency / rotation

[1]

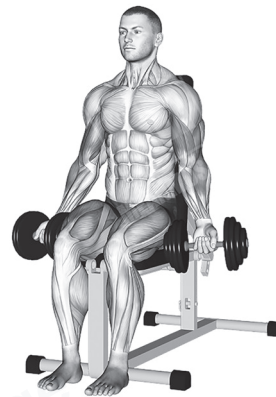
(b) The diagrams show the performance of two different weight training exercises.



position 1

position 2

exercise A



position 1



position 2

exercise B

Identify the class of lever used to perform each exercise.

exercise A: position 1 to position 2

exercise B: position 1 to position 2

[2]

[Total: 3]



11 The photograph shows an elite footballer.



(a) Identify **three** different types of sponsorship the footballer may receive.

1

2

3

[3]

(b) Suggest **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages to the footballer of receiving sponsorship.

advantage 1

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advantage 2

.....

disadvantage 1

.....

disadvantage 2

.....

[4]



(c) (i) Identify the stage of learning of the elite footballer.

..... [1]

(ii) Describe **two** characteristics of performers who are at the stage of learning identified in **11(c)(i)**.

1

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2

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[2]

[Total: 10]

12 An increase in people's leisure time has led to a growth in the availability of different leisure activities. Explain why each of the following factors may also lead to a growth in leisure activities.

wider media coverage

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better awareness of health benefits

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improvements in travel methods

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reduced cost of equipment

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[4]





13 (a) Identify the structures labelled **X**, **Y** and **Z** to show the pathway of air into the lungs.



X

Y

Z

[3]

(b) Explain how **three** named characteristics of alveoli allow gaseous exchange to take place.

characteristic 1

explanation

.....

characteristic 2

explanation

.....

characteristic 3

explanation

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[6]

[Total: 9]





14 (a) Describe what is meant by motivation.

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..... [1]

(b) Identify **two** types of motivation. Describe an example of each type of motivation.

type of motivation 1

example

.....

type of motivation 2

example

..... [4]

[Total: 5]

15 Explain how **two** different factors may affect recovery time after exercise.

factor 1

explanation

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factor 2

explanation

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..... [4]

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