

A-level PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Paper 2 Factors affecting optimal performance in physical activity and sport

Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you may have:

- a calculator.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the bottom of this page.
- Answer **all** questions. You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 105.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. You will be assessed on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Please write clearly, in block capitals, to allow character computer recognition.

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Section A

Exercise physiology and biomechanics

Answer **all** questions in this section.

For questions with four responses only **one** answer per question is allowed.


For each answer completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.


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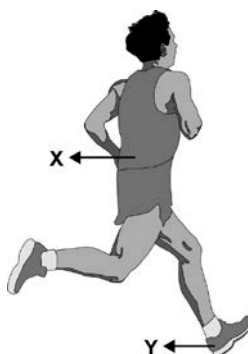


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Figure 1



Identify the forces labelled **X** and **Y** in **Figure 1** that act on the runner during a race.

A X: Air resistance Y: Friction

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B X: Friction Y: Air resistance

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C X: Gravity Y: Air resistance

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D X: Weight Y: Friction

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[1 mark]

0 2

Training methods are used to improve physical health and fitness.

Which **one** of the following training methods would be used to improve aerobic endurance?

A Circuit training

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B Continuous training

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C PNF

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D Weight training

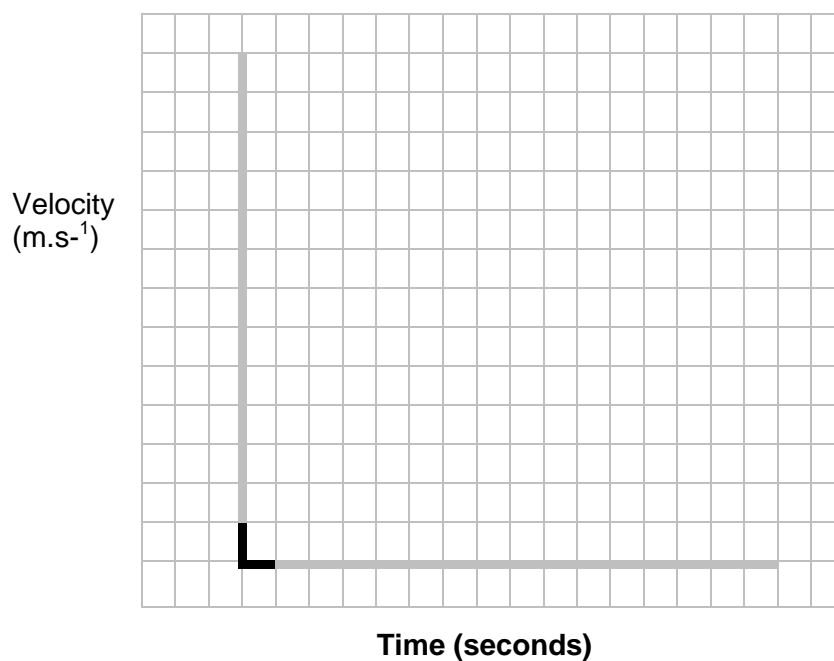
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[1 mark]

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0 3**Table 1** shows time and velocity data for the first 6 seconds of a 100m sprint.**Table 1**

Time (seconds)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Velocity (m.s^{-1})	0	7	8.5	9	9.5	10	9.5

Time/Velocity Graph**0 3****1**Plot the points from **Table 1** on the time/velocity graph.**[2 marks]****0 3****2**

Identify the period of time when acceleration was the greatest.

[1 mark]

0 4 . 1 Discus is another athletic event.

Describe how a lift force can be generated by a discus in flight.

[4 marks]

0 4 . 2 Explain how a high angle of attack will affect the distance travelled by the discus.

[3 marks]

Turn over for the next question

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Figure 2 shows a dancer performing a spin as part of a routine.

Figure 2

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Explain Newton's Laws of Motion in relation to the dancer spinning **and** how the dancer can alter her rate of spin.

[15 marks]

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Section B**Sports psychology**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

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The inverted U theory suggests optimal arousal can improve performance.

Which **one** of the following statements is correct?

A Complex skills require lower levels of arousal

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B Experienced performers require lower levels of arousal

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C Introverts require higher levels of arousal

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D Simple skills require lower levels of arousal

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[1 mark]

0 8

The Theory of Achievement Motivation suggests there are **two** personality types: Need to Achieve and Need to Avoid Failure.

Which **one** of the following statements best describes the characteristics of a performer with a Need to Achieve personality?

A Complete task quickly, attribute failure to external factors, choose challenging tasks, enjoy performing in front of others

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B Complete task quickly, persevere, choose challenging tasks, enjoy performing in front of others

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C Complete task quickly, persevere, choose easy or hard tasks, enjoy performing in front of others

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D Complete task quickly, worry about failure, choose challenging tasks, enjoy performing in front of others

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[1 mark]

Turn over for the next question

0 9

Motivation is used to increase the effort and persistence of a performer.

Explain how a coach can use different forms of motivation to improve performance.
Use examples to support your answer.

[3 marks]

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Fiedler suggests that a task-orientated style of leadership should be used if the situation is classed as favourable.

Using an example, outline the characteristics of a favourable situation.

[3 marks]

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Figure 3 shows Weiner's Model of attribution.

Figure 3			
		Locus of Causality	
Locus of Stability		Internal	External
	Stable	Ability	C
	Unstable	B	D

Define the term attribution **and**, using sporting examples, describe the different attributions labelled **B**, **C** and **D**.

[4 marks]

Turn over for the next question

Explain the term attitude **and** using named psychological theories, outline how the negative attitude of a performer towards training could be changed. Use examples to support your answer.

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Successful teams often display cohesion.

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Section C**Sport and society and technology in sport**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

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Which **one** of the following definitions best describes the term deviancy?

A Behaviour which goes against society's norms and values

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B Not playing by the unwritten rules

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C Not showing opponents respect

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D Taking drugs to enhance performance

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[1 mark]

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Which **one** of the following definitions best describes the term sponsorship?

A An athlete's money held by a national governing body until retirement from sport

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B Athletes personally endorse a company's merchandise

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C Disposable income

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D Financial support provided to an individual performer or event of a mutual return

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[1 mark]

Turn over for the next question

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Explain how the structure of the World Class Performance Pathway supports the development of elite athletes.

[3 marks]

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State how the technological development of facilities and equipment can help to optimise elite performance.

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Evaluate the reasons why elite athletes will resort to taking illegal performance enhancing drugs.

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Discuss the suggestion that an increase in the commercialisation of sport has been beneficial for performers and the sport.

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