

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

PSYCHOLOGY

2548

Psychology and Sport

Tuesday

13 JUNE 2006

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given:

(1) one copy of this question paper;

(2) one 8-page Answer Booklet.

Additional 4-page Answer Booklets may be issued to candidates who require them.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers on the separate answer booklet provided.
- Answer **one** question in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **50**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where an answer requires a piece of extended writing.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Section A

Answer either Question 1 or Question 2.

- 1 (a) Outline one explanation of burnout or withdrawal from a sports activity. [6]
(b) Evaluate explanations of burnout and withdrawal from a sporting activity. [10]
[Total: 16 marks]
- 2 (a) Describe one piece of research into the relationship between the coach and the sportsperson. [6]
(b) Evaluate attempts by psychologists to measure coach-performer compatibility. [10]
[Total: 16 marks]

Section B

Answer either Question 3 or Question 4.

- 3 (a) Describe research into attention and imagery in sport. [10]
(b) Evaluate research into attention and imagery in sport. [16]
(c) How should a 100m sprinter mentally prepare in the moments before a race? Give reasons for your answer. [8]
[Total: 34 marks]
- 4 (a) Describe what psychologists have learned about aggression in sport. [10]
(b) Evaluate what psychologists have learned about aggression in sport. [16]
(c) For any chosen sport, what advice could you give to a manager whose team has the worst disciplinary record in their league? Give reasons for your answer. [8]
[Total: 34 marks]
[Total paper marks: 50]