

Mark Scheme (Results)

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- For questions worth more than one mark, the answer column shows how partial credit can be allocated. This has been done by the inclusion of part marks eg (1).
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.

| Question Number | Acceptable responses | Mark |
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| 1a | Up to 1 mark for each of the following points up to a maximum of three for an explanation of carbo-loading. 1) Manipulating the diet 2) By increasing consumption of carbohydrates 3) To maximize glycogen stores/energy/fuel 4) In the week (few days) prior to competition 5) Depletion of carbohydrate initially so the body holds onto more | (3) |

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| 1b | | |
| | Should be a discussion covering both advantages and disadvantages up | (6) |
| | to 6 marks. | |
| | Advantages: | |
| | Increase muscle glycogen/carbohydrate stores/more stored energy | |
| | 2) Performance is sustained for longer/stay in aerobic system for | |
| | longer/won't fatigue as easily | |
| | 3) Don't move to fat stores as quickly | |
| | 4) Don't have to supplement as quickly | |
| | Disadvantages : | |
| | 1) Can lead to weight gain/water retention | |
| | 2) Means you may feel bloated or lethargic. | |
| | 3) Excess is stored as fat | |
| | 4) Limits training potential in depletion phase (due to less glycogen) | |
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| 2a | 1 mark for each of the following points up to a maximum of two for an explanation of mental rehearsal. | (2) |
| | Thinking through the different parts of a competition Thinking how you will respond to different situation or tactics Doing it before the event Use of imagery or visualization/thinking through set of movements in your mind Use of past experience/successful to run through an event | |

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| 2b | Explain how mental rehearsal affects sports performance – up to 4 marks. | (4) |
| | 1) Allows you to produce strategies/tactics | |
| | 2) Allows you to react to different situations | |
| | 3) Reduces anxiety/calms you (helps control anxiety) | |
| | 4) Can lead to an increase in performance | |
| | 5) Increases confidence/self efficacy | |
| | 6) Can increase/reduce arousal | |
| | 7) Can help control aggression | |
| | 8) Can help block out distractions (zone) | |
| | 9) Can focus attention (selective attention)/concentration | |
| | 10) If event is quick or dangerous and no time to think during it can help you prepare | |
| | 11) If athlete cannot rehearse for real e.g. injury/not at venue they can still prepare | |
| | 12) Can motivate you | |
| | 13) Dominant response is more likely to occur | |
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| 3 | Up to 6 marks for explanation of how fuel depletion causes fatigue during sports performance | |
| | | (6) |
| | 1) PC is depleted by maximum/high intensity exercise | |
| | 2) PC is used up after 6-10 seconds | |
| | 3) When PC stores are used up sports performance slows down | |
| | 4) ATP cannot be resynthesized fast enough/at required rate | |
| | 5) Suitable example e.g. sprinter slows at end of 100m race | |
| | 6) Muscle glycogen is used aerobically and anaerobically | |
| | 7) Muscle glycogen lasts 90 minutes | |
| | 8) When glycogen runs out athletes have to use fat | |
| | 9) Performance intensity will decrease | |
| | 10) Suitable example e.g. hitting the wall in a marathon | |
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| 4 | Candidates can score 1 mark for adaptation and 1 ma | rk for a link to how it improves performance. | (6) |
| | Adaptation | How it improves performance | |
| | 1)Increase in PC stores | 2)Will improve high intensity performance/sprint for longer | |
| | 3)Increased glycogen stores | 4)More potential energy so can last longer in the energy system | |
| | 5)More anaerobic enzymes | 6)Improves energy produced | |
| | 7)Increased rate of glycolysis | 8)Can maintain sprint speed for longer | |
| | 9)Greater lactic acid tolerance | 10)Can delay fatigue | |
| | 11) Hypertrophy (of muscles) | 12)Will increase strength and | |
| | | force/power exerted | |
| | 13)Increase strength of tendons and ligaments | 14)Increased joint stability/ better able to use force | |
| | 15)Type 1 fibres will take on characteristics of type 2 and 11b of 11a | 16)Increases speed /more force | |
| | 17) increased speed of motor neural firing | 18) recruits muscle fibres faster/increased reactions/increased speed | |
| | 19) Increased lactate threshold | 20) Able to reach a higher intensity before fatigue | |
| | 21) Increase muscle elasticity | 22) Increased power | |
| | 23) Increase numbers of fibres recruited | 24) Increased strength or power | |

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| 5. | Up to six marks can be awarded for points made: Can identify strengths and weaknesses SMART targets explained Can be used to plan psychological training Is essential to measure overall performance so goals can be achieved/check progress To put into place strategies Engages and motivates athletes/(confidence/self efficacy) Can be demotivating if goals too hard (lose confidence)/under pressure If goals too hard athletes can learn to deal with failure To stayed focused | (6) |

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| 6a | 1 mark per point made 1) Australia did not do well in Montreal/1976/no gold medal 2) Led to comparison to East German model/other countries doing better/copying their model 3) Change was needed /current system not working/needed to re-evaluate 4) Wanted international recognition 5) Public disappointment 6) Government displeasure | (3) |

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| 6b | Centralised system/government controlled state funded AIS/centre of excellence Satellite institutes at state level /decentralised Sports Search – talent ID programme Sports Science available to all athletes/medical care ACE career programme to support athletes World class facilities/coaches/coach education Targeted specific sports e.g. rowing (based on biometric testing) Scholarships to top athletes Clear pathways from grass roots to state to elite | (6) |

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| 7 | 1 mark for each point up to a maximum of 8. Points can be from below but must link to performance. 1) Funding of sports changed after poor results in 1996 (Atlanta) 2) Before this athletes self funded or limited grant aid 3) After this strict performance criteria were awarded professional salaries to train and compete 4) Different levels of performance awarded different salaries 5) Olympic medalists received approx. £30,000/ enabled full time training 6) Team GB got best ever results in London 2012/performance has improved 7) NGBs also have strict criteria for central funding 8) Some sports have had big increases 9) Some sports have had funding cuts e.g. water polo/volleyball 10) Funding can increase participation or reduce the interest in the sport 11) Some sports are self funded 12) Lottery funding helps a lot of athletes to train full time/travel and train elsewhere 13) Funding has been targeted at betting base of pyramid larger (grass roots) to increase talent base and widen the top 14) World class pathway to fund performance 15) Athlete personal awards allow more professional athletes 16) UKSI has centralised funding — but has hub centres 17) Sponsorship has increased popularity of some sports and therefore some sports have had more success/or allowed athletes to train more/paid more 18) Prize money/rewards can provide more incentive to do well 19) Funding has gone into sports science and facilities to allow a more professional approach 20) UK sport gives money to teams with high potential 21) Increase in privately owned clubs to allow greater decision making to clubs | (8) |

| | Question Number |
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| The indicative content below is a guide to the types of responses used. This should not be viewed as an exclusive list of responses. These need to be marked in conjunction with the level descriptors provided in order to achieve the marks. • Performance profiling can be used in all areas of sport science • It allows athletes to identify their strengths and weaknesses in all aspects of performance • Enables a strategy to be developed • Often presented as a 'wagon wheel' or 'spider webs' • Enables setting of specific target/smart targets • Often set out as a four stage process • Introduction – construction – implementation – assessment • At the start of the process athlete may judge themselves against a current champion or sports perfect model • Performance profiling sets an athlete a base level against which progress can be measured • Helps develop motivation of athlete through long term training • Long-term athlete development programme use performance profiling as a starting point. • Support teams working together to utilize information • Linking together all parties to discuss an athlete/big picture provided for athlete • Disadvantages → may include lack of time or lack of conviction it may work, need to include all and subjective/qualitative Other valid points to be credited where appropriate. | QWC *8 |

| Level | 0 | No rewardable content |
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| 1 | 1 – 5 | A limited discussion that includes descriptive comment and/or lists, with minimal or no evaluation. Subject specific terminology is not used and/or inappropriately used The response is mostly appropriate; though include many factual inaccuracies and irrelevancies. The response is poorly structured with frequent errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 2 | 6 – 10 | A basic discussion that includes mostly descriptive comment, and contain limited evaluation of. Subject specific terminology is sometimes used, though there may be some inaccuracies in its application. Responses are appropriate; though include some factual inaccuracies and/or irrelevancies. The response has a basic structure with frequent errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 3 | 11 – 15 | A good discussion that includes some evaluation. Subject specific terminology is consistently used, though there may be some inaccuracies in its application. Responses are appropriate; though include some factual inaccuracies and/or irrelevancies. The response has a sound structure with some errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 4 | 16 - 20 | A comprehensive discussion that is coherent and includes a full evaluation. Subject specific terminology is used with minimal error in its application. Responses are insightful, realistic and current. The response has clear and effective structure with minimal error in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |

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| QWC | *9 | The indicative content below is a guide to the types of responses used. This should not be viewed as an exclusive list of responses. These need to be marked in conjunction with the level descriptors provided in order to achieve the marks. | (20) |
| | | Physiological Warm up – includes stages, types of stretches, intensity and duration. Sources of energy – includes carbohydrate drinks/gels, hydration. | |
| | | <u>Psychological</u> Motivation and stress control – mental rehearsal, use of visualisation/imagery, self-talk, pregame routines, relaxation techniques, somatic and cognitive techniques, control of aggression. | |
| | | Technical Selection of kit and equipment for environmental conditions. Environmental and cultural factors e.g. taking food to suit own needs. Team talk/going over game plan | |
| | | Other valid points to be credited where appropriate. | |
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| 3 | 11 - 15 | A good discussion that includes some evaluation. Subject specific terminology is consistently used, though there may be some inaccuracies in its application. Responses are relevant and appropriate. The response has a sound structure with some errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. |
| 4 | 16 - 20 | A comprehensive discussion that is coherent and includes a full evaluation. Subject specific terminology is used with minimal error in its application. Responses are insightful, realistic and current. The response has clear and effective structure with minimal error in spelling, punctuation and grammar. Precise technical language. |