

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

PSYCHOLOGY

2548

Psychology and Sport

Friday

17 JUNE 2005

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given:

- (1) one copy of the 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 from this section.

- 1 (a) Outline one model of self-confidence used by sports psychologists. [6]
(b) Compare models of self-confidence used by sports psychologists. [10]

[Total: 16 marks]

- 2 (a) Briefly outline research that investigates home advantage in sport. [6]
(b) Discuss the limitations of research which investigates home advantage in sport. [10]

[Total: 16 marks]

Section B

Answer either Question 3 or Question 4 from this section.

- 3 (a) Outline what psychologists have learned about personality and sport. [10]
(b) Evaluate what psychologists have learned about personality and sport. [16]
(c) You are the team coach for a chosen sport. How would you respond to a player who suggested to you that they were playing in the wrong position? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 34 marks]

- 4 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about attitudes to exercise and sport. [10]
(b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about attitudes to exercise and sport. [16]
(c) What advice would you give to an athlete who seemed to be suffering 'burnout' to help them to avoid withdrawal from the sport? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 34 marks]

[Total paper marks: 50]