

ADVANCED GCE UNIT PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology and Sport

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2007

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Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given: (1) one copy of this question paper; (2) one Answer Booklet (8 pages).

Additional Answer Booklets (4 pages) may be issued to candidates who require them.



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.

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Section A

Answer Question 1 or Question 2 from this section.

- 1 (a) Outline **one** piece of research which relates to attentional style in sport. [6]
 - **(b)** Assess the difficulties of measuring attentional style in sport. [10]

[Total: 16 marks]

2 (a) Outline **one** piece of research into group cohesion in sport.

[6]

(b) Discuss the extent to which research into group cohesion and performance in sport can be generalised. [10]

[Total: 16 marks]

Section B

Answer Question 3 or Question 4 from this section.

3 (a) Describe what psychologists have learned about attitudes to exercise and sport. [10]

(b) Evaluate what psychologists have learned about attitudes to exercise and sport. [16]

(c) Using your knowledge of psychology, suggest how you could encourage an athlete to have a more positive attitude to their sporting performance. Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 34 marks]

4 (a) Describe research into leadership and coaching in sport.

[10]

(b) Evaluate research into leadership and coaching in sport.

[16]

(c) An under 9 girls' football team has just become national champions. Using your knowledge of psychology, what advice would you give their coach about how to lead them next season? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 34 marks]

[Total paper marks: 50]

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