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# Introduction

This was the fifth series of the new specification and the second time that the assessment had no pre-release materials. The method of external assessment was by a task based approach.

The question paper followed the same format in relation to the questions, client nutritional programme and client details. As the paper had no prerelease materials and research notes were not permitted in the summative assessment, a nutritional principles booklet was provided. This booklet provided information on the food group for some foods in the nutritional programme that learners may not be familiar with. In addition, the kcals for 1 g of each macronutrient were provided, the Harris Benedict equation for BMR And activity factor levels. Lastly, the BMI calculation was provided. This was to support learners so that they did not have to recall specific information to support them with mathematical related interpretations of the nutritional programme to have variety over each series without disadvantaging learners that are not familiar with all of the foods in the programme.

# Introduction to the Overall Performance of the Unit

The standard of learner evidence was equitable to the January 2019 series which followed the same format as this paper with pre-release materials and notably was much higher than June 2018 which had pre-release materials.

Most learners were able to provide detailed interpretations of the nutritional programme and compare grams of food consumed, many now were able to work out the percentage of calorie intake for each macronutrient which provides a more accurate analysis of nutritional intake. Very few learners now relied on quantities related to the eat well plate which does not provide sufficient evidence for a detailed interpretation of nutritional intake.

There was a wide spread of marks, learners were able to achieve marks across all grade bands with some learners achieving full marks in this series.

The scripts showed that learners could organise their time to complete the initial analysis of the nutritional programme and carry out further related calculations and then go on to answer each question.



# **Individual Questions**

# Activity 1

In this activity learners had to interpret the nutritional programme for Steve in relation to his health and well-being.

Good responses provided nutritional analysis of the percentage of macro nutrients consumed on a daily basis and compare these to recommended amounts.

The table below shows the type of analysis learners could have carried out to inform their analysis of the nutritional intake.

Day	Total Cals	CHO %	CHO g	Fat %	Fat g	Protein %	Protein g
Monday	2730	66	450	16	50	18	120
Tuesday	2630	61	400	24	70	15	100
Wednesday	3000	67	500	18	60	15	115
Thursday	2610	69	450	17	50	14	90
Friday	2750	65	450	23	70	12	80
Saturday	2510	64	400	25	70	11	70
Sunday	2790	64	450	23	70	13	90

This analysis clearly shows that carbohydrate intake is too high, fat intake is too low and protein intake varies across the week but is usually too low.

In most learners responses, there were some links to health and wellbeing which is the focus for the first question. Where learners did relate this to health and wellbeing it was usually related to eating saturated fat and a link to Coronary heart disease or high sugar intake and links to diabetes, however, very few were



able to provide any information related to the digestion and absorption effects of eating foods high in sugar with links to insulin release and removal of sugar from the blood stream.

Many learners were able to note that the client had high levels of fruit and vegetables in their diet, however, few were able to make the link to health and wellbeing in relation to providing high levels of fibre to reduce the potential for suffering from constipation or the long term impact of helping to prevent bowel cancer. Other interpretations related to micronutrients include appropriate calcium intake for bone health.

The other key aspect of the diet was the low calorie intake related to BMR and BMR adjusted for activity levels.

It is expected that further interpretation of the client information should be included in the interpretation of the food intake including:

- Body Mass index which was 27.5 and therefore classed as overweight category .
- BIA was at 8% which is classed as lean.
  It was therefore expected that learners would be able to make the link to the fact the person must have very low body fat and high muscle mass to account for the high BMI score using a combination of BMI and BIA scores.
- Basal metabolic rate could then be worked out using the Harris Benedict equation to work out the calorie intake for the person based on their specific details:

BMR = 66.5 + 1031.25 + 825.495 - 168.875 = 1754 without activity

BMR = 66.5 + 1031.25 + 825.495 - 168.875 x 1.725 = 3026 with activity

Responses that were rounded up or down were credited.

From this information, learners should have been able to interpret that energy intake is below BMR plus activity levels so the person would start to lose body weight if they continued to eat and exercise as per the nutritional programme and also not have sufficient energy to be able to take part in daily activities as well as all the physical activity.



Fluid intake was referred to by many learners in relation to recommended daily amounts and types of fluids consumed, many learners stated that the client was not drinking enough water.

Lastly, the factors affecting digestion and absorption of nutrients and fluids should have been commented on in relation to the nutritional programme for the individual with some reference to the timings of food intake and activity levels and timings of the individual.

This response was awarded 20 marks out of 20



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This response has identified the BMR and also the BMR with activity levels included and related this to the average calorie intake per day. They have also calculated the BMI but have not provided the category that this falls into. They have however analysed the BIA value to confirm that Steve does not have excess body fat and the positive health impact of that.

This learner has provided the RDA for each macronutrient and compared this to the worked out percentage intake of each macronutrient which is good practice as this provides a more accurate analysis of nutritional intake compared to using grams as the main reference. The health concerns with eating too saturated fat and identified a source of saturated fat in the client's diet which ensures the analysis is contextualized to the client rather than just providing an overview of nutritional knowledge.

Much carbohydrate has been covered. There follows discussion on the fat intake and again, the health concerns with the types of fat and sources in the client's diet.

The same interpretation process has been repeated for protein comparing quantities consumed to RDAs as well as demonstrating a good understanding of the function of protein in the diet.

Specific micronutrients have been referenced with links to health and wellbeing, and relevant sources of foods that contain vitamin C and calcium have been included in the discussion.

Fluid intake has been interpreted and the quantity the client consumes compared to RDA going on to discuss the health and wellbeing concerns related to dehydration.

# This response was awarded 6 marks out of 20

#### Task and answer booklet Please do not write answers outside the spaces provided. You must complete ALL activities in this task and answer booklet. 1 Interpret Steve's current nutritional programme in relation to nutritional intake for health and wellbeing. Use the nutritional principles information sheet to support your answer. Your answer will focus on the following points: (a) food intake (b) fluid intake (c) factors affecting digestion and absorption of nutrients and fluids. (20)eves AUGRIFICAN intall over the week generally good fuere oce Mowever . one parts of Max his à er ١S Pag ( 200 S poor is the laer Q1 bre STAGESLING This Can 200 DOOC aeres hearth beng 94 bre NUEFIER USED 20 SER his ١S because, in O.gest e ka-And the start all statistic that and the are 0000 not 9 asanoa intestines 10 pload V V 10 Beau 5.00 è Locces 1000 Products, Mar Waste has Ne been JOY Krosqu aested 004 anus as DRCIES steve has a good intare 98 protein THE Majorta 0+ lach dan

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Cater after he has finished weight training. This is a good thing as that protein Will be used to repair his muscles after his weight training. Havever the body can only digest 22g of protein at I rime and on overage he carts 95g of protein in Iday. This is almost 5 times over hour much can be digested at once. Because not an Of that procein will be used it will pass through the digestion system without being absorbed and become the waste product of fines forcies In this diet Steve consumes a lat of Short Chain Carbonydranes When absorbed into the body these carbohydrases can be used to burn as a sorce of short term energy however is not used as a energy source prese turn into body for. This can be bad for seeves cono term health as it is easier to mare and recep body for then it is to burn it and use it. Alot of

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those Short Onain cartoohydrates are Consurved in Pizzy drinks. Steve drinks out least I can a Day. Because Sugar is a Short Chain Carbonyare Steve has a high sugar inta from lof these drinks alone a das Steve however does have a good intake of Vilanines and there of the week as he consumes at least Sof his Ca Dawy. This 0.000 as it allows his immore System to Sta in good shape and amous his body to punction propers This Should in the long run here Prevent Some junesses Because of Steves high Metabolism e vin need more constres to a get through the day. Steves base metabout 3U 30,26.29, this Shaws U.U. reed 3076 Kar a Day 305 Keep MS body running Suggest er Steve a day to herp Supply this nerabolism 12 



The learner has provided some generalized knowledge of nutrition, but the response has very little application to the scenario provided.

In this case study, the client does consume a lot of fruit and vegetables, however, the response does not acknowledge this and goes on to explain the issues with not having enough fibre and the function of fibre in the diet.

The response does not link the types of food in the diet to any of the analysis provided, other than fizzy drinks containing sugars, which demonstrates very limited application as this is the key focus of the task whereby learners have to demonstrate their knowledge of a specific clients nutritional intake rather than providing an overview of their knowledge about the unit content.

# Activity 2

Nutritional strategies are provided in the unit content in learning Aim D. It is therefore expected that learners will select appropriate strategies for the client based on their event and their current nutritional intake.

Many learners did not perform as well in this activity as they did in activity one. This is due to the fact greater application is required for this activity in relation to addressing the concerns identified in activity one, where, how and why this diet can be modified and how this will be beneficial to improve sporting performance for the clients specific sport.

For this activity, leaners needed to focus on weight training is a strength sport. The client was mainly under consuming protein in their usual diet compared to RDA as well as requiring higher levels due to their sport. Some learners provided approximate grams of protein that should be consumed for a strength athlete with ranges shown below:

1.7-2 g per kg body weight = 127.5 - 150 g per day

As the client also takes part in a great deal of sport and physical activity on a weekly basis, strategies related to increase energy intake would gain credit.



In addition, fat intake was low in relation to macronutrient intake, so strategies to increase fat intake would also gain credit.

Fluid intake should be increased with reasoning linked to sport such as providing fluid to produce sweat used for thermoregulation.

Any justification of the modifications related to health and wellbeing were not credit worthy unless there were additional links to the effect on sporting performance.

Supplements were often suggested such as protein shakes and protein bars with a few learners also recommended creatine which gained credit.

Good responses provided appropriate modifications which were supported with reasoning for each modification related to the clients sporting event.

This response was awarded 20 marks out of 20



2 Modify the nutritional programme, based on nutritional strategies, in relation to Steve's sports event.

Use the nutritional principles information sheet to support your answer.

Your answer will focus on the following points:

- (a) modifications that are relevant to the sporting event
- (b) justifying the modifications
- (c) the impact of factors affecting digestion and absorption of nutrients and fluids.

Steve needs to increase the amount of Calories he consumes each day. He needs to consume approx-3026.3 each day in order to maintain imately his body mass and with his training tum fort into muscle. He could do this by Increasing his portion Sizes for lunch and dunner this would help increase his calone intake the also need to increase his protein consumption in order to make sure his misder are getting enough process to repuild repark grow. Increased protein will and also help strongton the muscle reduce the notic of and INNN. W amount of protein the Increase the had of crisps and hars. He cauld protein also otein shalles before cm 0 sessions in order to aid muscle Should alsa Increase Steve ITAK O edanny on a worday, wednesday and for the intoke is these daus the

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50g and 60g Fat should take up 30-35%. of steves diet. He can incorperate this into his did by adding full fout yhogust into his help increase his fo diet-This will Intake . Increased fat in steves diet will increase his energy levels and also with hard training increase muscle mass by turning fout into muscle steve could also swap brown bread and white bagel for wholegrain bread and a whole grain baged with seeds. Wholeprain bread and seeds are luw at poods Glycomic Index is how past a food increases block glucose levels. seeds are proken down Sicility so provide energy for a longer period of time. This will be peneficial for sheve because he will have long lasting energy through the day so to by the time he gets to his how training session he will have a good supply of enorgy. Bo Wholegrain is also high in fibre so will aid digestion to avoid steve geturg stamach pain or constipation during his day and training. Steve should also INCROSE his wate intake. He should have 0.5% op water for every 60 minutes of training giso conjune at least He should water throughout the day to keep

him becoming dehydrated dehydraution can cause headaches and sickness which will have a hegative effect on his fraining resulting in an unbeneficial Fraining Session and illnoss. He should disc reduce the amount of sugary drinks he drinks the shorved only drink one glass of orange Juice in the morning and water and a patein shake for the rest of the day. Sugary danks like at all + Lemonade one high in Sugar which is bad par blood pressure. It can also give steve a sugar rush and then a sugar dump where he will then feel tired having a negative effect on training. They are also not as effective at hydraxing the body effectively as water. Steve should take more than one rest day. He should stop weight fraining on wednesday

should stop weight training on wednesday in order to give the body time to recourt and musde fliptes to repair. He can swap this for a non weight bearing activity like swimming. This ensures his fitness levels will not derease and he we does a some cardio training each week to keep his body healthy. Steve can also incorperate creative into his diet. He can do this 2 ways. Bets he can be re

acutely by having small does a large dose for a shortperoid of time (3555-7 doug) or chronic use were he has a smooth small does for a long peroid of time (28 days). This helps build muscle, Increasing his muscular strength and muscular endulance behefiting him in competitions and training. It holps increase energy stores (ATP) to provide energy for training and competitions Cooking methods are important when cooking his vegrabus for his means he should always Steam his regiables rather than grill them. Steaming keeps all the nutrients in the vegtable so it is better for you because you get the nutrients you need which will help boos your Immune system. If your immune system is good he is less likely to get ill Being ill would effect steve and his training negatively and this means he would not be able to train so he would loose his fitness reveres and his muscular endurance and Standph would dearease. He should avoid the cooking because of nemares the method of bailing deg food nutrients the body needs. Ether aven mark the porcitos railing than bailing them. Asteue should also remove the crisps from his diet a replace them with a better source of nutrients \$ like the some chicken Strips which will norease protein (Total for Activity 2 = 20 marks) wer intake as

This learner has recommended key changes in his diet including:

- Increase calorie intake
- Increase protein intake
- Increase fluid intake
- Increase fat intake

For each change, realistic and appropriate strategies have been suggested with reasoning as to how each would benefit sporting performance.

In addition, supplements including protein supplements and creatine have been recommended which are appropriate for the clients sport.

The part of the response related to having rest days is not credit worthy as this is related to training programme design rather than nutritional guidance.

# This response was awarded 3 marks out of 20 marks.



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- (c) the impact of factors affecting digestion and absorption of nutrients and fluids.

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The learner has provided a very brief response with a focus on fluid intake.

They have identified fluids in the diet that have a high sugar content and also that the client is not consuming enough water per day and recommended an increase in fluid intake to take into account the fluid lost when exercising.

No further evidence has been presented in the learners

# Activity 3

The phase of the event is 'after the event'. The learner's response should focus on the following key areas:

### Nutritional guidance after event

- Intake protein to help with muscle repair
- Replace depleted glycogen stores
- Replace fluids lost through sweating

# Types of food to be consumed and timings:

- During first hours body is able to convert protein into muscle tissue at a fast rate (golden window up 2 hours)
- CHO converted into glycogen at a very fast rate golden window (up to 2 hours) .

### • Types of food/fluid/macronutrients and supplements

- o Protein, protein shakes, milk shakes, protein bars, high protein foods
- o Creatine
- o Isotonic/hypertonic/hypotonic drinks
- Carbohydrates, energy bars or gels

Some learners were aware of the golden window which is a key concept in the after event phase to ensure protein and glycogen stores are fully replete. Many learners were aware of the benefits of protein supplements and the need to have these after a strength related event.

Good responses included a range of foods, supplements and fluids with timings and quantities of how much should be consumed with reasoning related to absorption and digestion as well as potential benefits to sporting performance.



This response was awarded 9 marks out of 10 marks.



Recommend nutritional guidance for Steve based on his phase of training. 3 The phase of training is 'after event'. Your answer will focus on the following points: (a) links to the phase of training (b) impact of factors affecting digestion and absorption of nutrients and fluids. (10)after Phase important īς. EL as it iS tin Sigl ťο reste Our on Store ach SO. Brad gordow, aus bough Cen be omas D have Wars .anna and PLAC Sheet Vita 15 detion benerice CCA also replanisting as 14 MORAG 15 tor aand Steves ren Myx les Minute) atter to help Brown Aure C isptanic drin Carbolingheter Whith Will bring σ books Sher tu- i-to ON view Aucor Myseles. and Klowd Porte iΔ 64 to isotanic is locar an drin B Selecter rea 20 it Pasily charged is berowne civo nettor Artina etert reh w CAD. casil drive steel 15 an Vitan GI 15 Coverages all Secover 2000 ayou isotoric. dine assist 1. III. 20 solution Acre SwcoA 40 Pr A marise Hermorcomage Sterr Cor down-Slow entlar boon dhin Shorre ert protein 0 Dragen to an bar Tense and Shert onte Ж book. 0 repair Muscles Lill Play tare or performence increase hour 18

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The learner has introduced the main areas to focus on during the after event phase with reasons as to why this is important which is a very good start to the response.

They have then provided a time frame for when the isotonic should be consumed with reasoning as to why the client should drink it and the benefits of the drink in relation to ease of digestion and hydration.

The same principle has been applied to consumption of protein, again with direct links to the purpose of the eating protein from a recovery point of view for the client.

Reference to the golden window has been made but to gain more credit, the learner should have explained what this means.



### This response was awarded 2 out of 10 marks

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Some part of the response are credit worthy in relation to eating more sugary foods which is accurate for post event advice.

# Summary

Learners are encouraged to:

- Read and analyse the nutritional programme in relation to macro nutrient content. Percentage intake for each macronutrient should be assessed in relation to RDAs.
- Expect to carry out calculations in relation to BMI and BMR of the client and use this information in the activities to justify the interpretation of nutritional programme and modifications.
- When answering questions refer to the nutritional programme and individual as much as possible and make sure that the content you refer to is actually in the case study.
- Ensure only the correct phase of the event is discussed in question 3, any other phases that are covered that are not asked about in the question will not gain credit.
- Use the assessment criteria in the mark scheme for each activity to guide them and ensure they cover all the content needed for each activity.







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