

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Paper 0413/11

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2. A well answered question most candidates gave the response of drinking water.
3. Most candidates gained a mark. Candidates needed to be able to distinguish between health related and skill related components of fitness.
4. The majority of candidates gained a mark. To be able to gain credit there needed to be an understanding of a symptom rather than a sign of an injury.
5. Quite a well answered question; responses that related to the increase in blood flow to the muscles often required more detail to gain a mark.
6. Most candidates gave making friends and meeting people as their answer. Candidates needed to be able distinguish between the social and physical reasons why someone would take part in physical activity.
7. The vast majority of candidates gained both marks.
8. Generally well answered; the majority of candidates gave responses such as coping with stress and controlling emotions. However, as the question asked for a definition it was important that an accurate description was given.
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10. Most candidates gained both marks, a very well answered question.
11. Most candidates gained marks for this question. Typical responses included men having longer levers, longer stride length and a greater muscle mass.

12. Generally a well answered question. Typical responses included interests change with age, older people less likely to take part in high energy / impact sports, reduction in levels of fitness. There were a few responses relating to younger performers such as age restricted activities or activities being physically too demanding.

Section B1 Factors affecting performance

- (a) Most candidates used extrinsic motivation in describing the type of motivation and as a result did not give an accurate description in part (ii).
- (b) Generally well answered; most candidates gave responses such as the removal of waste products, the transportation of oxygen to muscles quicker and the transportation of blood around the body to gain marks.
- (c) A number of candidates repeated the question in their answer; however, most gained marks with responses such as giving direction to training, allows progress to be measured and allows performers to have more control. Some candidates used the SMARTER principles and gained marks if an appropriate description was included in the answer.
- (d) There were a number of candidates who confused analgesics with the effects of a steroid and, therefore did not gain full marks. As there are some effects that are similar, some candidates still gained one or two marks. To gain further marks candidates needed to recognise that the question required them to give negative effects rather than described how taking an analgesic would benefit the performer.
- (e) A well answered question. Many gained full marks giving visual, verbal or manual guidance as their answer; credit was also given if candidates gave examples of each type of guidance.
- (f) Most candidates were able to gain marks, with a number gaining full marks. Candidates needed to relate their answer to the influence of the named component of health related fitness to performance and gave a description of the component instead.

Section B2 Health, safety and training

- (a) Where a response was repeated a second mark could not be awarded. A frequent misinterpretation of the question resulted in responses related to preventing injury.
- (b) Most candidates gained full marks by identifying a strain as either a muscle or tendon injury and the most frequent cause given was the lack of preparation.
- (c) A well answered question; most candidates gained at least two marks. Typical responses included eating a balanced diet, taking regular exercise and avoiding drugs and alcohol.
- (d) Candidates achieved marks with correct responses such as age, size and weight and ability rather than focus on safety equipment, clothing and following rules.
- (e) (i) To gain marks candidates needed to give responses that explained the benefits of Plyometric Training as being speed and flexibility.
- (ii) Candidates gave a range of activities and were given credit if they could identify activities when power was a key component. Most candidates gained at least one mark with many achieving both marks.
- (iii) There were some excellent descriptions of power based exercises such as jumping onto boxes, jumping on and off gym benches and skipping activities. Candidates needed to describe with clarity power based activities to gain marks.
- (f) A very well answered question with many candidates gaining full marks. Candidates were required to identify three nutrients that are components of a diet and relate these to the benefits to a performer. Most candidates names carbohydrates, protein and fats with the appropriate benefit.

Section B3 Reasons and opportunities for participation in physical activity

- (a) A well answered question; most candidates gained a mark for responses that included making friends or meeting people.
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- (c) Most candidates gained some marks for responses such as improved advertising and raising the profile of the company. Candidates needed to give responses that were a benefit to the performer rather than those for a sponsor.
- (d) Generally well answered; responses included how sports could be more easily accessed, increased awareness of minority sports and greater financial support for a sport through increased awareness / sponsorship.
- (e) Typical answers included greater interest / understanding of the need to maintain a healthy lifestyle and the general increase in demand for facilities. Candidates needed to give greater depth to their answers to gain marks.
- (f) Generally well answered; most candidates gave responses that included social and cultural influences, lack of media coverage and role models providing limited levels of interest and lack of financial support. There were very few responses that suggested any misinterpretation of the question.

Summary

The quality of candidates' responses was generally good. Candidates should be aware of answering questions that ask for a description with single word answers. In most cases these responses do not contain enough information to gain marks. This was particularly evident in **Question B1(d), B2(f) and B3(f)**.

There were a number of examples of points being repeated rather than making new points in **Questions A12, B1(c), B1(e), B3(d) and B3(f)**.

There were some examples of candidates not reading the question fully and then seemed to write everything they knew about the general topic of the question. In **Question B3(d)** the question asked for the benefits for sport from television, however there were some responses that gave benefits to sport other than from television.

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Coursework

Key Points

1. New forms should be used for Swimming, Track and Field and Cross Country for June 2013 and beyond (available on the website)
2. Presentation of DVD evidence and written Analysing and Improving work has continued to improve.
3. Analysing and Improving work from many Centres still needs to follow the criteria and task instructions more closely.
4. Centres still need to improve their internal standardisation process to ensure all activities are comparatively marked

Report on the Coursework component of the Examination

In general the moderation of the November 2012 coursework component for IGCSE Physical Education has run smoothly. The majority of Centres have submitted coursework on time with the required forms and DVD evidence completed satisfactorily.

Teaching of Practical Activities.

There are excellent examples of teaching which are of a high standard and Centres have clearly read the syllabus, individual activity required content and the activity assessment criteria. This has guided Centres in teaching relevant and precise skills which have enabled many candidates to achieve a high standard.

It was reported last year that some Centres seem not to have referred to the Coursework Guidance Booklet. This has improved this year and whilst it is still an issue for some Centres, these are relatively few. The information in the syllabus and Coursework Guidance Booklet is essential reading before activities are taught and then assessed.

Assessment of Practical Activities

Overall, most Centres have marked the practical activities in line with the criteria. It is pleasing to see that Centres who have taken the examination for several years now mark quite accurately. New Centres to the examination vary more in the standard of marking. Those who have read the documentation are able to mark accurately. Other Centres, however, have submitted marks that have had to be adjusted significantly.

Teaching and assessment of the Analysis of Performance

This aspect of the coursework component is interpreted much more widely than the practical marks. However, this has shown an improvement this year. This reflects the greater attention Centres are giving to this work and they are thanked and commended for this progress. Where Centres follow the guidelines and complete all the sections then the standard of work is high and assessment is accurate. Some Centres still either apply their own interpretation of what is required or do not read the syllabus and guidance notes in sufficient detail. It is obvious where Centres have read the notes and then prepared and taught their candidates as the marks are high and accurately assessed.

Many Centres still focus on the skills required and do not provide enough emphasis on ways to improve and how this will be implemented through a six week action plan. Some Centres still think that what is required is a piece of work about the activity, covering rules, history, role models, etc. This is not the case. Some candidates also submitted work that was only fitness based even though the activity required skill development to enhance performance. The work should be related to Analysing and Improving and is not a PEP. Only one piece of work on one activity should be completed, marked and submitted for moderation. (Three Centres still followed the 2008 requirement for four pieces of work)

Filming of practical activities.

Centres clearly spend a lot of time and care over the compilation of the filmed evidence. Identification of candidates was, in most cases, good, although numbers need to be shown on the back and well as the fronts of candidates. In many cases Centres provide background commentary which is always helpful. Despite requests in previous reports some Centres still do not write the identifiers (candidates' identification numbers e.g. Red 6 etc.) on to the assessment sheets. This is important.

The following points are made to try and improve DVDs further:

1. The DVD should be one continuous film. When footage has been split into numerous short clips it is difficult to view. When 'chapters' have been inserted it makes navigation of the DVD very easy.
2. Candidate DVD identification should be written on to the Rank Order sheets. If they are identified in writing on the DVD this is very useful. Candidates speaking their own name is less helpful.
3. Long coverage of warm ups is not required.
4. Evidence for an activity should include isolated skills, small game drills and full game situations (where necessary this can be inter school games, but please ensure identification of candidates is clear, especially if it changes from the practices).
5. Where candidates are given high marks then the DVD should show complex skills and may have very minimal coverage of basic skills.
6. The angle of the DVD should enable the skill and outcome (e.g. shot into the goal or the action and pitch of the ball when bowled in Cricket) to be viewed. This has been a problem this year in Badminton and Tennis where the player is filmed but not the outcome of each shot.

All Centres should be congratulated on the excellent filmed DVD evidence provided of candidates' performances in a range of practical activities. Clearly a great deal of time and effort has gone into providing such quality DVD evidence. All filmed evidence was on standard sized DVDs.

The submission of other coursework material.

Almost all Centres submitted the correct paperwork. There were fewer problems and clearly more thorough checks had been made before dispatch this year. A few Centres still do not round up/down the final mark and this (plus the use of old forms) results in problems.

Range of Practical Activities

Candidate offered a wide range of activities. Games, Track and Field Athletics and Swimming continue to be the most popular. In games, Football, Basketball, Badminton and Rugby are the most popular followed closely by Tennis, Hockey and Netball. There has been an increase in candidates offering Weight Training for Fitness.

Outdoor activities were less popular this year. Hill Walking and Campcraft was offered but to a lesser extent. Other outdoor activities were very few. Dance and Gymnastic activities were only offered by a very limited number of candidates.

Achievement in the Practical Activities

All Centres, without exception were able to place all candidates in the correct ranked order in all activities. This confirms that teachers are sufficiently knowledgeable in distinguishing between participants of different abilities. Also, in most cases teachers were able to place candidates in their correct Performance Level. The difficulty that several teachers experienced was to finally place candidates at the correct mark point. Here, the apparent problem was that the teachers were either slightly harsh or slightly too lenient in their marking of all candidates and not just certain candidates at certain points on the mark range.

Summary

Physical Education teachers clearly want to teach to a high standard and have high expectations of their candidates. Centres should be congratulated on their efforts in DVD production, assessment and teaching. Some are experienced IGCSE teachers and others are new to the syllabus. Some are fortunate to have excellent facilities, others struggle a little with very limited opportunities. Overall everyone has obviously worked hard and their students have benefited from the IGCSE Physical Education course and the efforts of the Centres.