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Paper 3 (Theory), maximum raw mark 90

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Section A
Exercise and Sport Physiology

1 (a) (i) 5 marks in total from:

- 1 Anaerobic (system) / does not require oxygen
- 2 Reaction takes place in the sarcoplasm
- 3 PC is a high energy phosphate compound in the cell
- 4 PC broken down to release energy
- 5 Energy then used to resynthesise (ADP to) ATP
- 6 Reaction controlled by creatine kinase
- 7 Yield approx 1:1 / 1 ATP produced
- 8 No fatiguing by-products
- 9 PC can be resynthesised when exercise intensity drops allowing recovery [5]

(ii) 3 marks in total:

- 1 Very fast reaction / energy released (as PC only small compound) / short metabolic pathway
- 2 Reaction doesn't require presence of oxygen
- 3 PC readily available (in the muscle / cell for breakdown) [3]

(b) 7 marks in total from (3 marks max if no practical example):

- 1 Baseline assessment should be made to determine initial overload e.g. suitable fitness test for fitness component identified.
- 2 Specificity – training should reflect specific demands of the activity
- 3 Practical e.g. specificity – fitness component / energy system / muscle groups
- 4 Progression – overload can be gradually increased when improvements have been made
- 5 Practical e.g. progression – week 1 run 5km, week 2 run 5.5km.
- 6 Overload – adaptations will only occur if the body is put under increased levels of stress
- 7 Practical e.g. overload – correct frequency, intensity, time
- 8 Reversibility – **avoid** long breaks in training as adaptations made revert back to base levels.
- 9 Moderation – important to provide sufficient recovery time / avoid overtraining
- 10 e.g. days off, rotating muscle groups to be trained, reduce target training heart rate
- 11 Variance – variety of training methods used to reduce boredom / maintain motivation
- 12 e.g. continuous training or fartlek or repetition running / cycling or running or swimming / individual work or partner work etc [7]

(c) 3 marks in total:

- 1 Synchronisation or timing of motor unit or muscle fibre activation / improved coordination
- 2 Recruitment of additional motor units or muscle fibres (means that more force can be produced)
- 3 The tension threshold of the golgi tendon organs is reduced (allowing greater force to be used by the muscles). [3]

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(d) (i) 4 marks in total:

Sub max 2 mark for:

- 1 Muscle is taken to the point of resistance
- 2 Hold the stretch with some other part of your body, or with the assistance of a partner or some other apparatus.

Sub max 3 mark for:

- 3 Muscle is taken to the point of resistance
- 4 Isometric contraction is performed (for approx 5 seconds)
- 5 Against immovable object or partner
- 6 Immediately muscle is relaxed / take slightly beyond point of resistance
- 7 Hold stretch for approx 10–30 seconds [4]

(ii) 3 marks in total from:

- 1 When muscle is stretched it triggers the muscle spindles
- 2 Response is to contract and shorten the muscle
- 3 (Response is to contract and shorten the muscle) this happens during a static passive stretch
- 4 When muscle is contracted isometrically during PNF it triggers the golgi tendon organs
- 5 Response is to relax and lengthen the muscle
- 6 If muscle is stretched immediately after contraction then the (muscle spindle) stretch reflex is momentarily over ridden allowing greater stretch [3]

(e) 5 marks in total

Sub max 3 mark for:

- 1 They increase muscle strength by encouraging new muscle growth
- 2 Anabolic steroids are similar in structure to the male sex hormone, testosterone / increase in testosterone
- 3 They allow the athlete to train harder and longer at any given period
- 4 THG is a designer steroid and is difficult to detect which is why it is nicknamed 'the clear'
- 5 They alter reproductive and secondary sex characteristics / any example described, eg cancers, liver damage, etc.

Sub max 3 mark for:

- 6 (Excessive HGH levels increase muscle mass) stimulates protein synthesis
- 7 Strengthen bones by stimulating bone growth
- 8 Reduce body fat by stimulating the breakdown of fat cells
- 9 Taken during pre-season to aid strength training
- 10 Side effects – cardiac problems, carpal tunnel syndrome, etc [5]

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Section B: Psychology of Sports Performance

2 (a) 5 marks for 5 from:

(1 mark max for i/d of principles with no practical examples)

- 1 Goals should be specific e.g. to set a PB for a 100m sprint
- 2 Goals should be measurable e.g. to beat a previous distance in the long jump
- 3 Goals should be achievable / within reach / attainable / realistic e.g. to try to score 3 more baskets in the next game which is within the ability of the basketball player
- 4 Goals should be relevant / at the right level / e.g. to win the next match against a team with similar ability
- 5 Goals should be time-phased / include short and long term objectives e.g. to win the area competition in cross country before trying to get into the county team
- 6 Goals should be evaluated e.g. check whether recent times in the 1500m have reached your goals
- 7 Goals should be recorded e.g. write down with your coach your PB goal in the high jump
- 8 Goals should be agreed / negotiated e.g. agree with your coach your goal of learning a new move on the beam in gymnastics
- 9 Goals should be positive / motivational / exciting / challenging e.g. the goal of winning the next football game away from home, rather than trying to draw [5]

(b) 4 marks for 4 from:

- 1 (Nideffer) broad and narrow dimension and external and internal dimension (accept diagram if showing all 4 dimensions)
- 2 (Broad) – attention takes into account a lot of information / peripheral stimuli / can enable performer to take in peripheral info (open skills)
- 3 (Narrow) – attention is on very few stimuli / concentrate on small amount of stimuli / information / cues / can enable performer to focus on important elements in the environment / watch the ball / take aim
- 4 (External) – focus is on environmental stimuli / focus directed outwards
- 5 (External) can enable performer to concentrate on external factors (other than internal) / can escape inner pain / exhaustion
- 6 (Internal) – focus on themselves / emotions / thoughts
- 7 (Internal) – performer can concentrate on feeling good / zone of optimal functioning / ZOF / peak flow experience / control arousal
- 8 Information overload / too much information can cause confusion
- 9 The right attention can enable to deal effectively with distractions / will not be put off / selective attention on relevant cues
- 10 Effective attention will improve reactions / reaction time / response time / movement time
- 11 Effective attention can prevent negative feelings
- 12 Enables positive attributions
- 13 Good performers can draw on a range / combination of different styles [4]

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(c) 3 marks for 3 from:

- 1 Playing at home or familiar environment leads to better performance / social facilitation
- 2 Leads to higher motivation / encouraging
- 3 Those that are 'away' participants **expect** to do less well
- 4 Those at home **expect** to achieve / do well / increase self-confidence
- 5 Familiarity of home leads to more predictable environment / fewer surprises / feel more safe / secure
- 6 Drive higher therefore positive / dominant response more likely to occur (Zajonc) [3]

(d) 4 marks for 4 from (max of 2 marks with no practical examples):

- 1 Internal when winning can lead to Mastery orientation / having high self-confidence / positive outlook / need to achieve – raises motivational levels
- 2 Internal when losing can lead to learned helplessness / the belief that failure is inevitable / failure has been reinforced – lowers motivation
- 3 External when winning can lead to lower motivation / learned helplessness
- 4 Unstable reasons given when winning can lower motivation
- 5 Unstable reasons given when losing / failure or when behaviour needs to be changed – can raise motivation
- 6 Stable reasons given to reinforce behaviour / when winning – can reinforce / raise motivation
- 7 Stable reasons given when losing lowers motivation
- 8 Attributions can be biased to enable us to be motivated / attributional bias / self-serving bias – this can raise motivation
- 9 We can blame others to push away responsibility / fundamental attributional error – protect self esteem and raise motivation / attribute failure externally to protect self-esteem or raise motivation
- 10 Put less emphasis on internal stable factors to minimise learned helplessness and maximise mastery – to raise motivation
- 11 Increase motivation through attributional retraining / changing / helping to change the reasons to maximise motivation [4]

(e) 4 marks for 4 from:

- 1 Model identifies leader characteristics / styles interact with the situation / interactionist / situational approach (accept diagram if labelled correctly)
- 2 The effectiveness of these styles depends upon the favourableness of the situation
- 3 Favourableness depends on the relationship between the leader and group members.
- 4 Favourableness depends on the structure / clarity of the task / task difficulty e.g. home or away game
- 5 Favourableness depends on the leader's perceived power / authority / how important the leader is seen to be
- 6 Task leaders more effective in most favourable / least favourable situations
- 7 Person orientated style more effective in moderately favourable situations
- 8 Task style is when relationships are good / task clear / leader has authority
- 9 Task style when relationships poor / task unclear / leader has weak position [4]

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(f) 4 marks for 4 from:

- 1 Through persuasion / verbal encouragement
- 2 More likely if the persuader is of high status
- 3 Cognitive dissonance can be utilised / changing an element of the attitudinal triadic model
- 4 Change the beliefs / educate the performer / change the cognitive element / explain early failure / attribution retraining
- 5 Change the affective / emotional component / seek to change the emotional response / make the activity fun / increase self esteem / build confidence
- 6 Make the activity safe / perceived to be safe / familiarity with activity
- 7 Give success / make the tasks easier
- 8 Show role models that have positive attitudes / vicarious experiences
- 9 Give rewards / praise / positive feedback / positive reinforcement
- 10 Change the behavioural component of the triadic model / insist on certain attitudes / behaviour / punish negative attitudes [4]

(g) (i) 3 marks for 3 from:

- 1 (Caused by) lack of personal responsibility
- 2 Player has a lack of accountability / feel that their efforts not recognised / belief that others are not trying
- 3 Has little identity in the team / no identifiable role
- 4 Often lacks (self) confidence
- 5 Has high level of stress / anxiety
- 6 May be suffering from injury / illness
- 7 Has 'off the pitch' problems / is distracted / de-motivated by non-game issues
- 8 Incorrect strategies / tactics by coach
- 9 The effects of the crowd / audience
- 10 Has the perception that they are no good / perceived / actual low ability / negative previous experience/ learned helplessness
- 11 Environmental / situational factors may be stressors / weather / unfamiliar surroundings [3]

(ii) 3 marks for 3 from:

- 1 Select those who are less likely to have low motivation from past experience / 'team players'
- 2 (Clear) identification of goals / culture / clear that this team is task oriented or socially oriented.
- 3 Give (credit for personal) success / highlight individual performance / reinforce / praise cohesive / motivated behaviour / rewards / raise self-confidence
- 4 Do not overplay team goals / aims
- 5 Co-ordination practice / team building exercises
- 6 Encouragement / social support / encourage friendship
- 7 Encourage group identity / belonging
- 8 Clarify / give individual responsibility / roles
- 9 Punish social loafing / non cohesive play / drop from team
- 10 Stronger leadership
- 11 Control arousal / anxiety [3]

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Section C: Olympic Games: A Global Perspective

3 (a) 6 marks for 6 of:

- 1 Athletes compete irrespective of colour, race, creed, and political belief
- 2 Promotion of international understanding
- 3 Cultural diversity / exchange / celebration of cultures and ethnicities
- 4 Supreme physical challenge / mental challenge / striving for excellence
- 5 Fair play / sportsmanship
- 6 Co-operation
- 7 Promote peace and harmony
- 8 Sport as education of the youth of the world
- 9 Encourage mass participation in sport [6]

(b) 5 marks for 5 of:

- 1 Protest – 1968 Black power salute –USA
- 2 Combat Human Rights violation: - South Africa banned - apartheid – 1968–92 / Germany and Japan banned after WW2
- 3 Propaganda – Nazi Germany 1936 - nationalism
- 4 Terrorism – 1972 Munich - assassination of Israeli athletes by Palestinians
- 5 Encourage non-recognition of nations – China threatened to withdraw if Taiwan allowed to participate
- 6 Gain prestige – protest by North Korea when South Korea awarded 1988 games – South gaining too much prestige / promoting political ideologies
- 7 Boycotts – 30 nations boycotted Montreal : 52 boycotted Moscow [5]

(c) (i) 4 marks for 4 of:

- 1 (1967) IOC banned use of performance enhancing drugs in Olympic Competition
- 2 Drug use controls introduced in 1968 Winter Olympics (Grenoble)
- 3 WADA (world anti-doping agency) set up (in 1999)
- 4 (WADA) partially funded by IOC
- 5 (WADA) oversees testing in Olympic Games
- 6 Blood / urine samples tested
- 7 WADA activities include research/ education/ monitoring World Anti-Doping code / produces annual list of banned substances
- 8 Introduced “whereabouts” system : athletes to be available for testing
- 9 Athletes who test positive have medals stripped / disqualified / banned [4]

(ii) 3 marks for 3 of:

- 1 Many (10) athletes tested positive
- 2 Ben Johnson – tested positive – gold medal winner 100m
- 3 Stripped of medal
- 4 Medal given to Carl Lewis – who also had tested positive prior to games
- 5 Two Bulgarian weight lifters who also won gold stripped of medals [3]

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(iii) 3 marks for 3 of:

- 1 Enhancing performance also takes place in technology such as bicycles / shoes / swimsuits
- 2 Allowing athletes to train harder also happens when unbanned substances are used to recover from training / injury
- 3 Drugs are unnatural substances / testosterone is a natural substance
- 4 Drugs are not necessarily harmful not proven / other sports can be equally harmful
- 5 Drugs are illegal / not all substances taken by athletes are illegal / alcohol is a killer

[3]

(d) 4 marks for 4 of:

- 1 In order to achieve success athletes need fulltime pursuit
- 2 Cannot afford to be amateur / high living / training / equipment costs
- 3 Olympic Games now a commercial event / Games need best sports performers
- 4 Dictated to by world economic climate
- 5 Host country need to make a profit / break even
- 6 Support network for athletes / managers / promoters / coaches costs
- 7 Many sports are “wealth sports” e.g. sailing

[4]

(e) 5 marks for 5 of:

- 1 Satisfaction of pushing the body to the limits of endurance
- 2 Achieving the highest standards of performance / honour of winning medal
- 3 Competing against the best in the world
- 4 Surviving / bravery needed in the intensity of competition
- 5 Expanding own horizons / experiencing what can be achieved / once in a lifetime achievement
- 6 Living and competing with athletes from different cultures and other sports
- 7 Experiencing the ceremonial aspects

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