



National Mock Exams 2025

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IGCSE 9-1 PE Paper

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Purpose of this document

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- Finally, please use this paper together with the mark scheme and make sure you attend the revision session in May.

This paper contains:

- Questions in the format of the IGCSE PE Paper 2025
- Multiple-choice questions
- Short-answer questions
- Extended writing

How should schools use these papers?

This paper has been constructed specifically for use as a mock exam but can be used less formally as a practice paper or model paper. The content and skills of the paper will be developed within the revision sessions offered by James Simms on **Wednesday 7th of May 2025 at 12:00 BST** (available to all subscribing schools live and on demand; a shorter version for non-subscribers will be available on YouTube after the live session).

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Subject	Physical Education
Course	IGCSE PE 9-1
Time allowed	1 hour 45 minutes

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Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This paper is marked out of 100 marks.• You have 1 hour 45 minutes (plus additional time for those who have exam access arrangements).• The marks for each question are shown in brackets (use this as a guide for how much time to spend on each question).• Answer all questions.• You may use a calculator.• Good luck!
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Total marks	100
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1. Identify **two** reasons why a coach would carry out fitness tests on a performer.

1: _____

2: _____

Marks: [2]

2. One function of the skeleton is **protection**.

Describe **two** ways the skeleton can protect a performer in a hockey match.

Marks: [2]

3. Complete the table to show aerobic and anaerobic respiration and their characteristics.

Type of respiration	A	B
Equation	C	Glucose = Lactic acid + Energy
Duration	Long duration	Short duration
Intensity	D	E

A: _____

B: _____

C: _____

D: _____

E: _____

Marks: [5]

4. Describe how a performer repays oxygen debt after anaerobic exercise.

Marks: [2]

5. Describe the function of each of the following components of the shoulder joint:

Synovial fluid

Ligament

Cartilage

Synovial fluid:

Ligaments:

Cartilage:

Marks: [3]

6. Describe **one** function for each of the following components of blood:

Red blood cells

Platelets

Plasma

Red blood cells:

Platelets:

Plasma:

Marks: [3]

7. Suggest features of the alveoli that benefit a triathlete during the process of gas exchange.

Marks: **[4]**

8. Skills can be classified using different continua.

Classify a basketball lay-up on the three continua **and** justify each of your answers.



Continuum 1: _____

Classification: _____

Justification: _____

Continuum 2: _____

Classification: _____

Justification: _____

Continuum 3: _____

Classification: _____

Justification: _____

Marks: **[6]**

9. Describe an eccentric muscle contraction **and** give an example from athletics.

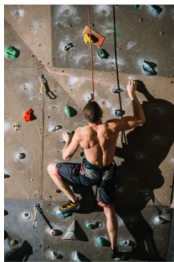
Marks: **[2]**

10. Which of the following nutrients is crucial for muscle repair and growth?

- A Carbohydrates
- B Vitamins
- C Protein
- D Fats

Marks: 1

11. Complete the table for the climber moving from position A to position B.



Position A



Position B

	Type of movement	Agonist muscle	Antagonist muscle
Left elbow	Extension	A	B
Left shoulder	C	D	Latissimus dorsi

A: _____
B: _____
C: _____
D: _____

Marks: 4

12. Cian plays in rugby matches every weekend for his local club.
Identify **one** injury that Cian might sustain when playing rugby.

Marks: [1]

13. What is the C of RICE?

Marks: [1]

14. The photograph shows a performer playing padel which requires a high level of speed and coordination to be successful.
Explain how **two other** named components of fitness may benefit someone playing padel.



Component of fitness 1: _____
Benefit: _____

Component of fitness 2: _____
Benefit: _____

Marks: [4]

15. Identify one physiological **and** one psychological reason for warming up.

Physiological: _____

Psychological: _____

Marks: [2]

16. Mental rehearsal is a key relaxation technique used by many elite performers. Identify **one other** relaxation technique and state **two** benefits to using this technique.

Relaxation technique: _____

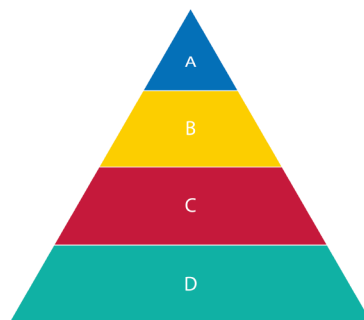
Benefit 1: _____

Benefit 2: _____

Marks: [3]

17. The characteristics of sport development are often shown in a pyramid. Identify the **four** levels of the sports development pyramid.

Sports Development Pyramid



A: _____

B: _____

C: _____

D: _____

Marks: [4]

18. The image shows a performer completing the upward phase of a biceps curl. Identify the class of lever acting at the elbow.



Marks: [1]

19. Explain how **gravity** affects the following performances:

A track cyclist

A golf ball being lifted

A track cyclist: _____

A golf ball being lifted: _____

Marks: [2]

20. Identify the different structures of the blood vessels **and** describe how these structures help each blood vessel with its primary function.

Arteries

Capillaries

Arteries structure: _____

Function: _____

Capillaries structure: _____

Function: _____

Marks: [4]

21. Explain how a performer's stage of learning affects the type of feedback used by a coach.

Marks: [2]

22. Describe **two** different ways television and broadcasting can **negatively** affect a sport.

1: _____

2: _____

Marks: [2]

23. Describe a named test that a coach would use to assess a player's coordination.

Name of test: _____

Description: _____

Marks: **[4]**

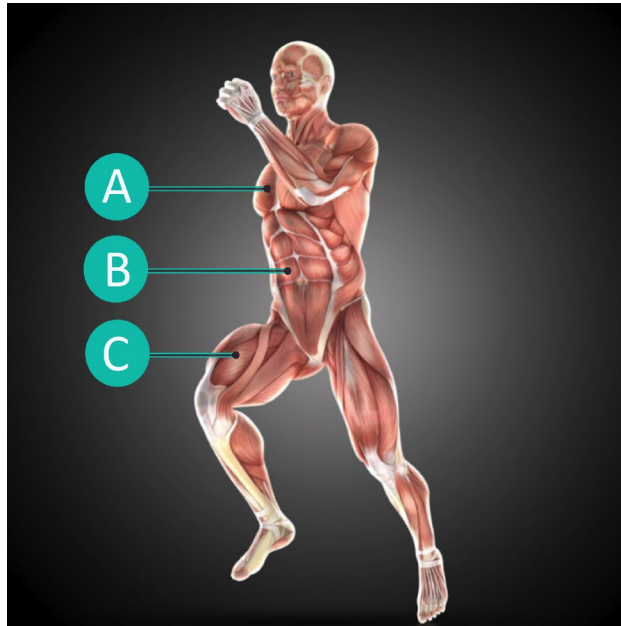
24. Describe, using **two** examples, how taking part in regular physical activity can improve a person's mental health and well-being.

1: _____

2: _____

Marks: **[2]**

25. Identify the muscles A, B and C.



A: _____
B: _____
C: _____

Marks: [3]

26. Identify **one** named feature of fast-twitch muscle fibres **and** explain how it would benefit the following performers:

Marathon runner

100m sprinter

High jumper

Feature of fast twitch fibre: _____

Marathon runner: _____

100m sprinter: _____

High jumper: _____

Marks: [4]

27. Suggest how **two** named principles of training can be applied to an interval training programme.

Principle of training 1: _____

Application: _____

Principle of training 2: _____

Application: _____

Marks: **[4]**

28. Describe **three** features of Fartlek training that are different to continuous training.

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Marks: **[3]**

29. Suggest two advantages **and** one disadvantage of plyometric training.

Advantage 1: _____

Advantage 2: _____

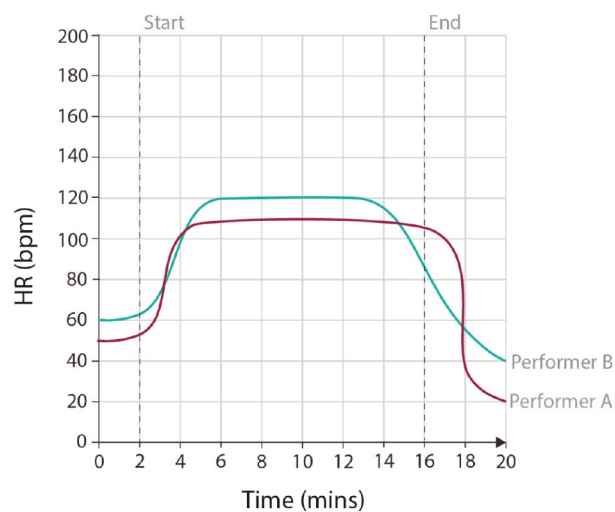
Disadvantage: _____

Marks: **[3]**

30. An increase in heart rate is a short-term effect of exercise.
State **two other** short-term effects of exercise.

Marks: [2]

31. Suggest **two** reasons for the difference in heart rate between performer A and performer B.



1:

2:

Marks: [2]

32. Explain, using different examples from a named team game, how each of the following levels of arousal may affect performance:

Underarousal

Optimal arousal

Overarousal

Team sport: _____

Underarousal: _____

Optimal arousal: _____

Overarousal: _____

Marks: **[3]**

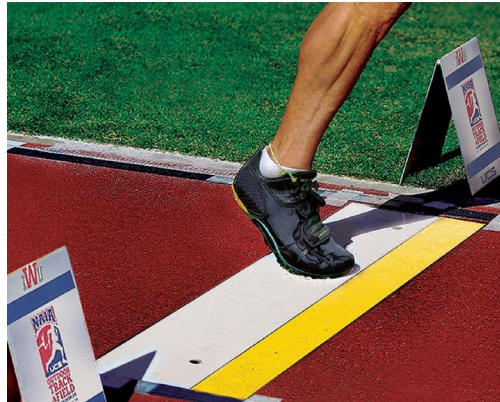
33. Describe, using a named physical activity, an example of sportsmanship and gamesmanship.

Sportsmanship: _____

Gamesmanship: _____

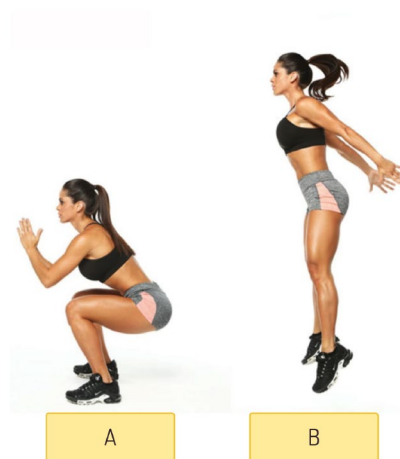
Marks: **[2]**

34. The image shows a performer in the take-off phase of the long jump. When sketching the lever system at the ankle, which component will be in the middle?



Marks: [1]

35. Explain how a named force, other than gravity, acts on the performer when moving from position A to position B.



Force: _____

Explanation: _____

Marks: [2]

36. Describe **two** lifestyle choices that can impact physical health.

1: _____

2: _____

Marks: **[2]**

37. Gianni is a 100m sprinter who is contemplating using a performance-enhancing drug.

State **one** performance-enhancing drug that might benefit Gianni's performance and justify your choice.

Performance enhancing drug: _____
Justification: _____

Marks: **[3]**