

GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Paper 1 30% Exam	Applied anatomy and physiologyMovement analysisPhysical trainingUse of data	
Paper 2 30% Exam	 Sports psychology Socio-cultural influences Health, fitness and well-being Use of data 	
Paper 3 40% NEA	 Practical performance in three different physical activities (one team activity, one individual activity and a third in either). Analysis and evaluation of performance to bring about improvement in one activity. 	
Exam Board	AQA GCSE Physical Education (8582)	

Useful Links/Resources

Online textbook / resources

https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login

AQA GCSE PE YouTube Channels

Planet PE

https://www.youtube.com/@PlanetPEgcsepe

simplype

https://www.youtube.com/@simplype3909

Useful Information

Exam questions in GCSE PE will take the form of multiple choice questions, short answer questions, and extended response questions.

These will always start with a command word. This can give you a clue to the assessment objective (AO) the question is targeting and the depth of answer required.

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport.

Common command words include:

Define: Specify meaning.

Describe: Set out characteristics.

Name: Identify using a recognised technical term.

State: Express clearly and briefly.

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport.

Common command words include: **Explain:** Set out purposes or reasons.

Give a sporting example: Provide a sport / skill which matches the demand of the question.

AO3: Analyse and evaluate the factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport.

Common command words include:

Analyse: Separate information into components and identify their characteristics.

Discuss: Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea

idea.

Evaluate: Judge from available evidence. **Justify:** Support a case with evidence.



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Year 10	Year 11		
Term 1 Paper 1: Anatomy and physiology The structure and functions of the musculoskeletal system The structure and functions of the cardio-respiratory system Anaerobic and aerobic exercise The short and long term effects of exercise Paper 1: Movement Analysis Lever systems Planes and axes of movement	 Term 1 Paper 2: Sports Psychology Classification of skills (basic/complex, open/closed) The use of goal setting and SMART targets to improve and/or optimise performance Basic information processing Guidance and feedback on performance Mental preparation for performance 		
Term 2 Paper 1: Physical Training Health and fitness The components of fitness The principles of training How to optimise training and prevent injury Effective use of warm up and cool down	Term 2 Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences • Engagement patterns of different social groups • Commercialisation of physical activity and sport • Ethical and socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport Paper 2: Health, fitness and wellbeing • Physical, emotional and social health, fitness and wellbeing • The consequences of a sedentary lifestyle • Energy use, diet, nutrition and hydration		
Term 3 Paper 1: Revision, exam technique and assessment Coursework: Analysis and evaluation	Term 3 Exam preparation: Paper 1 and Paper 2		

