

A level Physical Education

The following grade descriptions are provided to give a general indication of the standards of achievement likely to have been shown by candidates awarded particular grades. The descriptions must be interpreted in relation to the content specified by the specification (as adapted for 2021, where appropriate). The most appropriate grade to award will depend in practice upon the extent to which the candidate has met the assessment objectives overall. Shortcomings in some aspects of the evidence may be balanced by better performances in others.

Grade A

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

- show excellent knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors) and their impact on performance
- make excellent use of appropriate technical terminology to communicate their knowledge and understanding.

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

- show excellent application of their knowledge of factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors) and their impact on performance, supporting it well with relevant examples. Candidates can apply their knowledge to a wide range of contexts
- make excellent use of appropriate technical terminology to communicate their application of their knowledge and understanding.

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show excellent analysis and evaluation of their knowledge of factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors), and their impact on performance. Candidates use their skills of critical analysis and evaluation to make balanced arguments and make well-reasoned judgements
- organise and present information, ideas and arguments very clearly, in an informed, highly logical and appropriate form, making excellent use of specialist vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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AO4: Demonstrate and apply relevant skills and techniques in physical activity and Sport. Analyse and evaluate performance.

As a player/performer, candidates characteristically:

- show excellent application of appropriate skills and techniques
- show excellent decision-making skills
- show excellent analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement
- demonstrate excellent synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

As a coach, candidates characteristically:

- show excellent communication and organisational skills when delivering the session
- show excellent decision-making skills
- show excellent analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate excellent synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

As an official, candidates characteristically:

- show excellent knowledge and application of major rules
- show excellent decision-making skills
- show excellent analysis of situations and the ability to adapt appropriately
- show excellent analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate excellent synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

Grade C

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show good knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors) and their impact on performance
- make good use of appropriate technical terminology to communicate their knowledge and understanding.

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show good application of their knowledge of factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors) and their impact on performance, supporting it with some relevant examples. Candidates can apply their knowledge to a range of contexts
- organise and present information, ideas and arguments reasonably clearly, in a mostly informed and appropriate form, making use of specialist vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show good analysis and evaluation of their knowledge of factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors), and their impact on performance. Candidates use some skills of analysis and evaluation to make arguments and make judgements. Some arguments might be one-sided.
- organise and present information, ideas and arguments in a clear, informed, logical and appropriate form, taking into account the use of specialist vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

AO4: Demonstrate and apply relevant skills and techniques in physical activity and Sport. Analyse and evaluate performance.

As a player/performer, candidates characteristically:

- show good application of appropriate skills and techniques
- show good decision-making skills
- show good analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate good synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

As a coach, candidates characteristically:

- show good communication and organisational skills when delivering the session
- show good decision-making skills
- show good analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate good synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

As an official, candidates characteristically:

- show good knowledge and application of major rules
- show good decision-making skills
- show good analysis of situations and the ability to adapt appropriately
- show good analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate good synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

Grade E

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show limited knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors).

Candidates show limited knowledge of the factors impact on performance

- make limited use of appropriate technical terminology to communicate their knowledge and understanding.

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show limited application of their knowledge of factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors).

Candidates show limited application of the factors impact on performance with few supporting examples. Candidates can apply their knowledge to a limited range of contexts

- show limited ability to organise and present information, ideas and arguments clearly.

Candidates make limited use of specialist vocabulary. There are frequent errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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

Candidates characteristically:

- show limited analysis and evaluation of their knowledge of factors that underpin physical activity and sport (including physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and technology factors). Candidates use limited skills of analysis and evaluation to make basic arguments and judgements. Arguments are superficial and one-sided
- show limited ability to organise and present information, ideas and arguments clearly.

Candidates make limited use of specialist vocabulary. There are frequent errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling.

AO4: Demonstrate and apply relevant skills and techniques in physical activity and Sport. Analyse and evaluate performance.

As a player/performer, candidates characteristically:

- show limited application of appropriate skills and techniques
- show limited decision-making skills
- show limited analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate limited synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

As a coach, candidates characteristically:

- show limited communication and organisational skills when delivering the session
- show limited decision-making skills
- show limited analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate limited synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions.

As an official, candidates characteristically:

- show limited knowledge and application of major rules
- show limited decision-making skills
- show limited analysis of situations and the ability to adapt appropriately
- show limited analysis and evaluation of own performance and recommend a plan for improvement.
- demonstrate limited synthesis of information to draw sound and logical conclusions