

EXAMINERS' REPORT

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Statistical Information

GRADE	A	B	C	D	E	F	ABS	TOTAL
NUMBER	6	13	37	21	23	21	8	129
% OF TOTAL	4.7	10.1	28.7	16.3	17.8	16.3	6.2	100

Section A

The overall performance of students in this section was not satisfactory. This may be attributed to the game choice since RUGBY does not seem to be as popular with students and perhaps also with teachers. Although the selected clips and questions were ones which would qualify as basic in terms of the understanding of the game, the students performed below the expected level.

Section B

- 6a i. Generally answered correctly.
- 6a ii. A considerable number of candidates did not answer correctly.
- 6a iii. Generally answered correctly.
- 6a iv. Generally answered correctly.
- 6b i. Generally answered correctly.
- 6b ii. Generally answered correctly.
- 6b iii. The majority of candidates lacked the knowledge to answer this question correctly.
- 6c i. The majority of candidates lacked the knowledge to answer this question correctly.
- 6c ii. Generally answered correctly.
- 7a i. Generally answered correctly.
- 7a ii. The majority of candidates found difficulty in explaining the role of adrenaline and noradrenaline in increasing a human's heart rate.
- 7b i. Generally answered correctly.
- 7b ii. Most candidates did not provide the correct answer.
- 7c. Although most candidates were capable of explaining the changes brought about with training as regards to total blood volume, number of red blood cells, and plasma, the vast majority of candidates lacked the knowledge to accurately explain how these impact blood viscosity.
- 8a i. Some candidates lacked the knowledge to answer this question appropriately.
- 8a ii. The vast majority of candidates lacked the knowledge to answer this question correctly.
- 8a iii. A number of candidates did not answer this question correctly, although the majority of candidates had a basic understanding of pulmonary diffusion.
- 8b. The majority of candidates lacked the knowledge to answer this question correctly.

Section C

Thirty scripts did not achieve a pass mark in this section, while sixteen scripts achieved a mark of seventeen and over. At most times, answers were generic and lacked detail.

2a: The majority of candidates could not define the Psychological Refractory Period properly but most of them continued to answer Question 2b correctly.

3: This question was either not answered at all or often times not structured using examples.

4: Generally answered correctly.

Section D

All candidates answered Question 1. Sixty-three candidates answered Question 2, while forty-nine attempted Question 3. From those who attempted Questions 1 and 2, seventeen failed this section, while out of those who attempted Questions 1 and 3, eight failed this section.

1a: Most answered this correctly, but failed to give an Outdoor Education Related Recreation Activity. The candidates did not realise that the whole question was about Outdoor Education and most answers included football or other ball games held in an outdoor pitch. Many reasons for a possible barrier to Young Peoples Participation was given related to academic commitments and sedentary technological hobbies.

2a & 2b: Generally answered correctly. The Commonwealth Games had already been held at time of the examination.

2c: Generally, answers were not completely against the concept of doping, and even though many answers included the bad example given to children, the message coming through some of the scripts was that of acceptance in terms of doping.

3: Most candidates differentiated between the basics of physical education and sport.

3c: Few students provided detail, most times leaving out part of the question. Such as giving only *two reasons for or against* excellence and mass participation.

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