

**Sports, exercise and health science**  
**Standard level**  
**Paper 3**

Wednesday 1 November 2017 (morning)

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- Answer all of the questions from two of the options.
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- A calculator is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.

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**Option A — Optimizing physiological performance**

- 1. Participants completed a standard 20-minute exercise in hot (40°C) and temperate (22°C) conditions, before and after a 5-day heat acclimatization at 40°C. The table below shows the mean core and skin temperature for hot and temperate conditions at rest and during exercise.

	Temperature (°C)			
	Hot condition (40°C)		Temperate condition (22°C)	
	before acclimatization	after acclimatization	before acclimatization	after acclimatization
Core temperature at rest (°C)	37.29	37.05	37.47	37.27
Core temperature during exercise (°C)	37.95	37.77	37.57	37.41
Skin temperature at rest (°C)	36.22	36.16	32.34	31.83
Skin temperature during exercise (°C)	37.30	37.19	30.09	29.65

[Source: R. A. Neal et al. (2016) *Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports*, 26 (Wiley), pp. 875–884.]

- (a) Identify the lowest skin temperature. [1]

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- (b) Calculate the difference in core temperature during exercise between hot and temperate conditions after acclimatization. [2]

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**(Option A, question 1 continued)**

- (c) Compare and contrast the core and skin temperatures at rest shown in the table on page 2.

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- 2. (a) Outline how convection and evaporation transfer heat from the skin to the environment.

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- (b) Explain the effects of **three** physiological adaptations that occur with heat acclimatization.

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**(Option A continued)**

3. (a) Define *overreaching*. [1]

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(b) Explain how a macrocycle training structure can avoid overtraining and injury. [3]

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4. (a) Using an example, describe the placebo effect. [3]

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(b) Discuss why banned pharmacological substances should not be used by Olympic athletes. [2]

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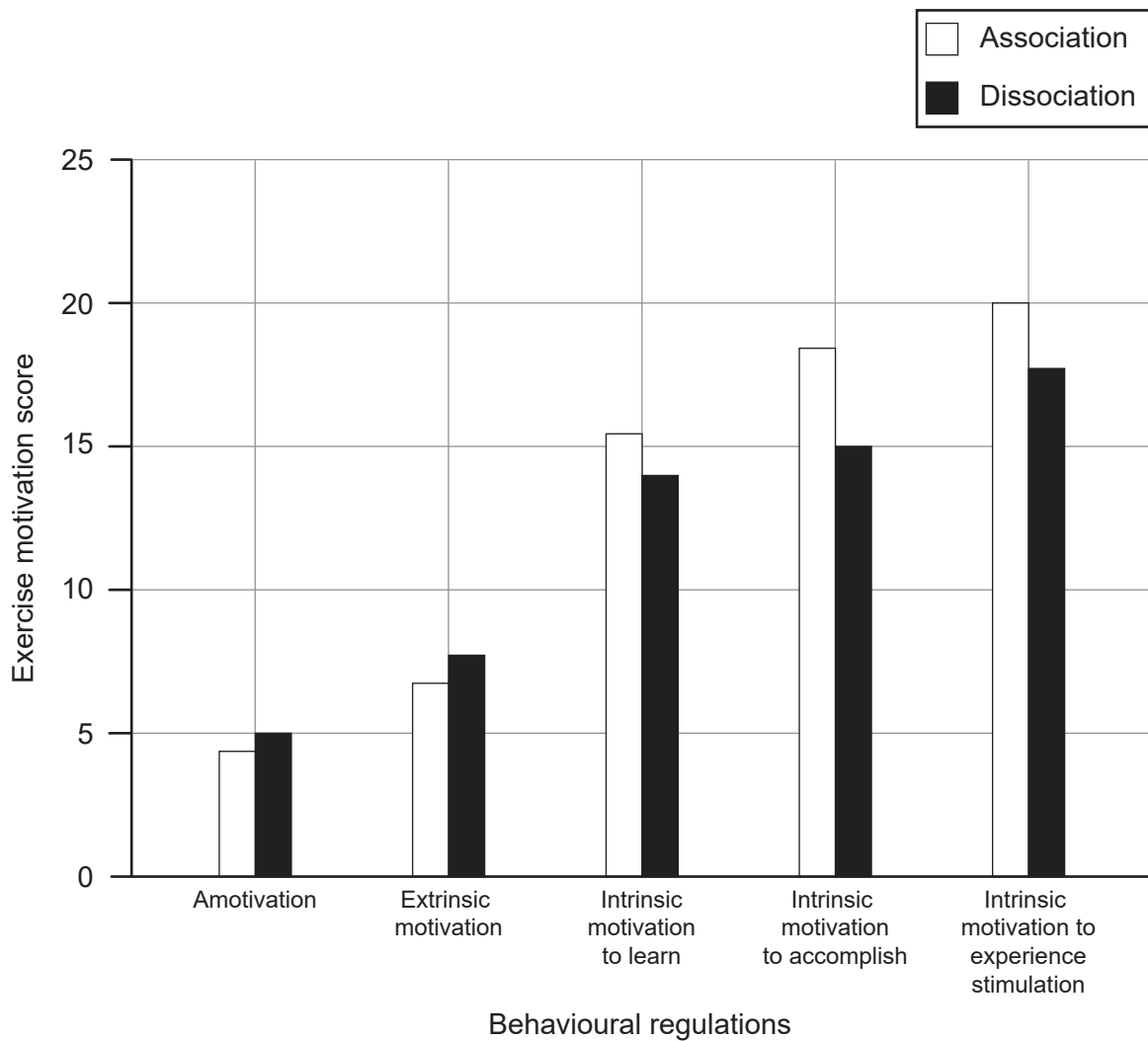
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**Option B — Psychology of sport**

5. Motivation can be affected by association and dissociation.

- Association is a focus on internal body cues such as breathing rate.
- Dissociation is blocking out body sensations related to physical effort.

A researcher investigated the effects of association and dissociation on types of motivation during an exercise class. Participants completed an exercise motivation questionnaire after the exercise class. The mean scores for association and dissociation are shown in the figure below.



[Source: L. Jones *et al.* (2017) *Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports*, 27, John Wiley and Sons, pp. 124–135.]

(a) Identify which type of motivation has the lowest mean association score. [1]

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**(Option B, question 5 continued)**

- (b) Calculate the difference for the dissociation score between amotivation and intrinsic motivation to accomplish. [2]

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- (c) Using the data on page 6, discuss the effect of the exercise class on intrinsic motivation. [3]

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- 6. Describe locus of stability and locus of causality, using examples from a sport or exercise of your choice. [3]

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7. (a) Outline ethical issues associated with the measurement of an athlete's personality. [2]

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(b) Explain the relationship between personality and success in sport. [3]

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8. (a) State **one** symptom of a sportsperson's somatic anxiety. [1]

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(b) Discuss how emotions experienced during sports competition can influence performance. [2]

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9. Discuss **three** uses of mental imagery with examples from sport.

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**Option C — Physical activity and health**

10. An eight-week study investigated physical activity and health in office workers. Participants were assigned to either an intervention group (with an adjustable sit–stand workstation), or a control group (sitting at a desk). The table below shows the mean data for both groups before and after the study.

	Control group		Intervention group	
	before	after	before	after
Sitting time (minutes)	387.0	402.2	385.9	322.0
Standing time (minutes)	42.5	43.7	41.1	115.4
Systolic BP (mmHg)	118	117	119	117
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	72	71	74	69
Cholesterol (mmolL)	3.94	3.78	4.45	3.79
Back pain (0 = no pain, 10 = extreme pain)	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.1
Neck pain (0 = no pain, 10 = extreme pain)	2.1	2.2	2.6	1.9

[Source: Lee E. F. Graves, Rebecca C. Murphy, Sam O. Shepherd, Josephine Cabot and Nicola D. Hopkins (2005) 'Evaluation of sit-stand workstations in an office setting: a randomised controlled trial.' *BMC Public Health*, 15, pages 1145–1159. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-015-2469-8>]

(a) Identify the group that has more back pain after the study.

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(b) Calculate the difference in mean sitting time between the control and intervention groups after the study.

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**(Option C, question 10 continued)**

- (c) Using the data from cholesterol, blood pressure, and neck pain, deduce why the adjustable sit-stand workstations can lead to health benefits. [3]

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11. (a) Define *hypokinetic disease*. [1]

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- (b) Explain the relationship between major societal changes and hypokinetic disease. [2]

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12. (a) Outline how appetite is regulated after eating. [3]

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(b) Analyse type 2 diabetes.

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13. Outline the World Health Organization recommended levels of aerobic physical activity for adults aged 18–64 years.

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**14.** Explain why lack of dietary calcium is a major risk factor for osteoporosis. [3]

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**Option D — Nutrition for sport, exercise and health**

15. The table below shows body composition and physiological data for a marathon runner in 2009 and in 2014.

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(a) Identify the year in which the runner had the lowest percentage of total body fat. [1]

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(b) Calculate the change in total body fat (kg) from 2009 to 2014. [2]

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(c) Explain how changes in body composition impact the physiological data and may affect performance in a marathon. [3]

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**(Option D continued)**

**16.** Describe the absorption of amino acids from the intestinal lumen to the capillary network. [2]

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**17. (a)** List **three** places where extracellular fluid is located in the body. [2]

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**(b)** Compare and contrast water distribution in Olympic sprinters and inactive individuals. [4]

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**(Option D, question 17 continued)**

- (c) Explain how an antidiuretic hormone helps conserve water when sweating during muscular activity.

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- 18. Describe **one** strategy to increase muscle glycogen for an endurance runner preparing for a marathon.

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