

GCE

Physical Education

H155/01: Physiological factors affecting performance

AS Level

Mark Scheme for June 2022

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

PREPARATION FOR MARKING SCORIS

- 1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: Scoris Assessor Online Training; OCR Essential Guide to Marking.
- 2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal http://www.rm.com/support/ca
- 3. Log-in to scoris and mark the 10 practice responses ("scripts") and the 10 standardisation responses

YOU MUST MARK 10 PRACTICE AND 10 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

MARKING

- 1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
- 2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
- 3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the Scoris 50% and 100% (traditional 40% Batch 1 and 100% Batch 2) deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
- 4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone or the Scoris messaging system, or by email.

5. Crossed Out Responses

Where a candidate has crossed out a response and provided a clear alternative then the crossed out response is not marked. Where no alternative response has been provided, examiners may give candidates the benefit of the doubt and mark the crossed out response where legible.

Rubric Error Responses – Optional Questions

Where candidates have a choice of question across a whole paper or a whole section and have provided more answers than required, then all responses are marked and the highest mark allowable within the rubric is given. Enter a mark for each question answered into

RM assessor, which will select the highest mark from those awarded. (The underlying assumption is that the candidate has penalised themselves by attempting more questions than necessary in the time allowed.)

Multiple Choice Question Responses

When a multiple choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides two responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be awarded (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).

When a question requires candidates to select more than one option/multiple options, then local marking arrangements need to ensure consistency of approach.

Contradictory Responses

When a candidate provides contradictory responses, then no mark should be awarded, even if one of the answers is correct.

Short Answer Questions (requiring only a list by way of a response, usually worth only **one mark per response**)

Where candidates are required to provide a set number of short answer responses then only the set number of responses should be marked. The response space should be marked from left to right on each line and then line by line until the required number of responses have been considered. The remaining responses should not then be marked. Examiners will have to apply judgement as to whether a 'second response' on a line is a development of the 'first response', rather than a separate, discrete response. (The underlying assumption is that the candidate is attempting to hedge their bets and therefore getting undue benefit rather than engaging with the question and giving the most relevant/correct responses.)

Short Answer Questions (requiring a more developed response, worth two or more marks)

If the candidates are required to provide a description of, say, three items or factors and four items or factors are provided, then mark on a similar basis – that is downwards (as it is unlikely in this situation that a candidate will provide more than one response in each section of the response space.)

Longer Answer Questions (requiring a developed response)

Where candidates have provided two (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.

- 7. Award No Response (NR) if:
 - there is nothing written in the answer space.

Award Zero '0' if:

• anything is written in the answer space and is not worthy of credit (this includes text and symbols).

Team Leaders must confirm the correct use of the NR button with their markers before live marking commences and should check this when reviewing scripts.

- 8. The scoris **comments box** is used by your team leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.**If you have any questions or comments for your team leader, use the phone, the scoris messaging system, or e-mail.
- 9. Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to your Team Leader (Supervisor) by the end of the marking period. The Assistant Examiner's Report Form (AERF) can be found on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal (and for traditional marking it is in the Instructions for Examiners). Your report should contain notes on particular strength displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.
- 10. For answers marked by levels of response:
 - a. To determine the level start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer
 - b. To determine the mark within the level, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
On the borderline of this level and the one	At bottom of level
below	
Just enough achievement on balance for this	Above bottom and either below middle or at middle of level (depending on number of marks
level	available)
Meets the criteria but with some slight	Above middle and either below top of level or at middle of level (depending on number of
inconsistency	marks available)
Consistently meets the criteria for this level	At top of level

11. Annotations used in the detailed Mark Scheme

Annotation	Description	Annotation	Description
	Tick	KU	Knowledge and understanding / indicates AO1 on Q8
×	Cross	EG	Example/Reference / indicates AO2 on Q8
BOD	Benefit of doubt	DEV	Development / indicates AO3 on Q8
TV	Too vague	L1	Level 1 response on Q8
REP	Repeat	L2	Level 2 response on Q8
5	Indicates sub-max reached where relevant	L3	Level 3 response on Q8
SEEN	Noted but no credit given	BP	Blank page
IRRL	Significant amount of material which doesn't answer the question		

- Sub-maxes are indicated with S; the guidance section of the mark scheme shows which questions these are relevant to.
- **KU/EG/DEV** used <u>instead</u> of ticks on the extended response question to indicate where knowledge or development points from the indicative content have been made.
- On this extended response question, one KU/EG/DEV does not necessarily equate to one mark being awarded; the marking is based on a levels of response mark scheme which awards a level and mark holistically based upon the quality of the response overall against the levels descriptors.

	Section A					
	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance	
1	(a)		Five marks from: 1. (Movement) Dorsi flexion 2. (Agonist) Tibialis Anterior 3. (Contraction) (Isotonic) Concentric 4. (Plane) Sagittal 5. (Fixator) Rectus femoris/Vastus lateralis/Vastus intermedius/Vastus medialis	(AO3)		
	(b)		Five marks from: Submax four for points 1-5 / Must gain point 6 for max 1. (Formula for Q)	5 (AO3)	Accept 2. +/- 5 for each value. 3. error carried forward from point 2 if arithmetic correct. 4. +/- 5 for each value 5. error carried forward from point 4 if arithmetic correct. 6. answer 5-answer 3 if awarded within ecf.	
	(c)	(i)	Two marks from: 1. (Muscle pump) (Skeletal) muscles contract which compress / squeeze the veins 2. (Respiratory pump) Breathing causes a pressure difference between the thoracic/ches cavity and abdominal cavity	(AO1)	Accept: Any specific terminology to describe breathing e.g. inspiration, ventilation, movement of the diaphragm.	

			Section A		
Questic	n	Answer			Guidance
	(ii)	Two marks from:		2 (AO2)	Do not accept: Increase/decrease without explanation
		1. (Exercise)	More frequent/forceful muscular contractions / more frequent /deeper breathing cause VR to increase		
		2. (Recovery)	Less frequent/forceful muscular contractions / less frequent / deeper breathing cause VR to decrease		
	(iii)	One mark from		1 (AO2)	
		1. (Muscle pump)	The action of the muscle pump is maintained above resting level / gradually decreases		
		2. (Blood pooling)	Blood pooling reduced/avoided/ blood continues to move towards the heart		
		3. (Respiratory pump)	The action of the respiratory pump is maintained above resting level / gradually decreases (because ventilation rate/depth higher than at rest)		
(d)	(i)	Four marks from		4 (AO1)	Accept: 2. Any number within the
		1. (Definition f)	The number of inspirations or expirations / breaths in or out taken in one/per minute		given range Do not accept:
		2. (Value for f)	11-15 breaths/minute		pts 2 and 4 without correct
		3. (Definition TV)	The volume of air inspired or expired / breathed in or breathed out in one/per breath		units
		4. (Value for TV)	500 <u>ml / 500cm³</u>		
	(ii)	A		1 (AO1)	

	Section A							
(Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance			
2	(a)	5 marks from:		5				
		(Advantages) Submax		(AO1)				
		1. (Glycogen)	Increases (muscle and liver) glycogen stores/ glycogen synthesis	41				
		2. (Endurance)	Increases endurance or performer can compete for longer or increases V02max					
		3. (Fatigue)	Delays fatigue or glycogen stores take longer to deplete		SSU: accept 'hitting the wall' for point 3?			
		4. (Long distance)	or increases time to exhaustion Benefits long distance/runners/swimmers/cyclists/ triathletes	-				
		5. (Games)	Benefits games players / (accept any appropriate game) Football/ Hockey/Rugby/ Netball/Tennis players					
		6. (Legality)	Legal	-				
		(Disadvantages) Submax 4						
		7. (Hypoglycaemia)	Hypoglycaemia/low blood sugar (in the depletion phase)	7				
		8. (Training quality)	Low quality / intensity of training or lethargy (in the depletion phase)	1				
		9. (Recovery)	Increased time to recover between sessions/sets (in the depletion stage)					
		10. (Fatigue)	Fatigue during depletion phase (which increases risk of injury)	1				
		11. (Weight gain)	Weight gain in the loading phase as more water needed to store additional glycogen					
		12. (Abdominal discomfort)	Performer may suffer from abdominal discomfort/symptoms /gastrointestinal symptoms in depletion/ high fat / loading/high carbohydrate phase					
		13. (Timing errors)	Performer may not be accurate/may mis-time loading phase so glycogen stores are not optimised or can disrupt pre-event routine/quality of training					
		14. (Explosive activities)	Performer may not benefit from glycogen loading if they compete in short duration activities / (accept any appropriate short duration event or sport) Athletics thrower/sprinter/gymnast					

	Section A						
Questic	n		Answer	Marks	Guidance		
(b)	(i)	Two marks from: 1. Individual physiological make-up or 2. Training	genetics	2 (AO1)	Accept: 1. Examples of physiological make-up eg: Lung volume/maximal cardiac output/blood or RBC volume etc		
	(ii)	Four marks from: Submax 2 marks from even numbered (Cardiovascular adaptations AO1) 1. Cardiac/myocardial hypertrophy 3. Capillarisation (at muscle tissue and lungs) 5. Increased elasticity of arterial walls 7. Increased blood/plasma volume 9. Increased number of red blood cells/haemoglobin 11. Increased buffering capacity	(Analyse affect on sports performer AO3) must be linked to adaptation 2. (Benefits endurance/aerobic performance due to) increased contractility/filling capacity/SV/Q/O2 transport to working muscle 4. (Benefits endurance/aerobic performance due to) increased gaseous exchange at lungs/muscle or more O2 diffuses to working muscle or increased area for blood flow 6. (Benefits performance due to) increased efficiency of the vascular shunt/redistribution of blood to working muscles 8. (Benefits endurance/aerobic performance due to) reduced blood viscosity which increases blood flow/VR 10. (Benefits endurance/aerobic performance due to) increased capacity to carry O2 to working muscles or increased gas exchange 12. (Increases performance in higher intensity/intermittent exercise due to) neutralisation of acidic waste products/lactic acid/carbonic acid	4 (AO1 x2, AO3 x2)	even numbered marks unless linked to specific adaptation. Maximum of 2 marks to be awarded for AO1. Maximum of 2 marks to be awarded for AO3.		

		Section A		1
Questio	on	Answer or OBLA/fatigue delayed	Marks	Guidance
(c)	(i)	Three marks from:	3 (AO2	Accept: Any reasonable sports
		Macrocycle is the long term goal/ 6 months - 4 year goal eg: Football player aiming for national team selection or athlete aiming for pb in championship race 2. (Mesocycle) Mesocycle is a medium term goal/ 1-4 months eg: Football player focussing on applying skills in different tactical plays or athlete improving aerobic capacity 3. (Microcycle) Microcycle is a short term goal/ 1-4 weeks eg: Football player improving passing technique	-	example for each mark
	(ii)	or athlete improving speed over the start phase. Two marks from:	2 (AO2)	Do not accept: Reference to psychologica
		1. (Peaking) Allows the performer to peak at the right time 2. (Injury) Reduces the risk of (acute or chronic) injury 3. (Achievable) Performer has achievable (short and medium term) goals so more likely to achieve long term goal		benefits e.g. enhanced focus.
		4. (Flexibility) Flexibility to adjust / re-plan training if there is an injury 5. (Tapering) Allows for organised tapering in competition phase 6. (Manageable) Training is organised and specific allowing training to be split into manageable blocks		
(d)		Four marks from: 1. Atherosclerosis is the build up of fatty deposits/atheroma/fatty plaque on the arterial walls (causing narrowing of the lumen)	(AO1)	Accept: pts 3 and 4 'blood clot' for blockage = BOD
		2. (Coronary heart disease is the reduction in blood flow/oxygen supply to the coronary artery /heart		

	Section A							
Question		Answer			Guidance			
		3. (Heart attack)	Heart attack / myocardial infarction is the complete/total blockage of a coronary artery (by atheroma/blood clot) which causes cell death/lack of O ₂ to the heart muscle					
		4. (Stroke)	Stroke is a blocked (ischaemic) / burst (haemorrhagic) blood vessel leading to / within the brain					
2	(0)	5 (Angina)	Pain in the chest caused by blockage in the coronary arteries		A 4-			
3	(a)	Six marks from: (Stationary prepara		6 (AO2)	Accept:			
		1. (Balanced forces)	The forces are <u>balanced</u>		pt6.Opposites: W is less than R			
		2. (R=W)	The two (opposing) forces are equal in size and opposite in direction or the forces cancel (out) or the (ground/normal) reaction force is equal to the weight of the performer or the upward force on the performer is equal to the downward force		pt7. there is an overall force = BOD			
		3. (Net force)	There is no net /resultant force or net/resultant/sum of all forces acting = zero					
		4. (Newton1)	so the body will remain at rest/there will be no change to its state of motion.					
		(Upward execution	ı phase)					
		5. (Unbalanced forces)	The forces are unbalanced					
		6.(R>W)	The two (opposing) forces are not equal in size and opposite in direction or the forces do not cancel (out) or the (ground/normal) reaction force is greater than the weight of the performer					
		7. (Net force)	or the upward force on the performer is greater than to the downward force There is a positive/upward net/resultant force acting on the performer					
		8. (Newton 1)	The body will change its state of motion/accelerates upwards/ develops or initiates upward velocity/takes off					
		9.(Newton 2)	The larger the reaction/upward force the faster the performer will accelerate/jump (upwards)					

	Section A					
Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance		
(b)	Five marks from:		5 (AO1)			
	1. (Load)	Load is the weight / resistance / limb / body part to be moved	(7.0.7)			
	2. (Effort)	Effort is the muscular force applied (at the insertion point) to				
		move/counteract the load				
		or <u>Effort</u> is the force applied by the agonist muscle				
	3. (Fulcrum)	Fulcrum is the fixed/pivot point or joint (about which the lever moves)				
	4. (Effort arm)	Effort arm is the (perpendicular) distance between the fulcrum and the effort				
	5. (Load arm)	Load arm is the (perpendicular) distance between the fulcrum and the load				
	6. (Movement)	Movement about the fulcrum will occur if the turning effect of the effort is larger than the turning effect of the load (or vice versa) or if the moment of the effort is greater than the moment of the load (or vice versa)				
	7.(Efficiency)	A large effort arm (compared to load arm) increases the efficiency of the lever system/efficient movement/gives mechanical advantage or a 2 nd class lever system is more efficient than a 3 rd class lever system (or vice versa)				
	8. (Speed / range)	A large load arm (compared to effort arm)/ 3 rd class lever can increase speed of movement or large load arm (compared to effort arm)/ 3 rd class lever can increase range of movement				
	9. (Class)	The order of the load, effort and fulcrum in a lever system determines which class it is/ 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd class				

				Section	on A		
C	Question			Answer		Marks	Guidance
	(c)	(i)	Four marks from:			(AO2)	Do not accept: Arrows unless labelled
			DoM				
				1. Weight	Arrow vertically downwards from centre of mass		Accept: A range of starting points for the AR and
			4.AR	2. (Ground)Reaction	Arrow vertically upwards from front skate same length as weight arrow		Weight arrows for the
			2. R	3. Friction	Horizontal arrow from front skate against direction of motion (of front		COM of the skater. See box in diagram.
			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		skate)		
				4.Air Resistance	Horizontal arrow from centre of mass against direction of motion		
			3.F				
		(ii)	Two marks from: Submax one mark for wl	hy and one mark for how		2 (AO2)	
			Why 1. Because	e the friction is acting against the	direction of motion and so will		
			(Direction) decelera	ate/slow down the skater	and do will		
			How				
			2. (Skate) By maki	ng the skate/blade surface smoot	h or keeping the blade straight/inline		

	Section A					
Answer		Marks	Guidance			
Three marks from:		3 (AO1	Accept: pt.3 any relevant example			
1. (Definition) 2. (Distribution of mass)	The point at which a body is balanced in all directions or The point at which weight is considered/appears to act The distribution of body mass affects the position of the centre of mass or Body position affects the centre of mass	x2, AO2 x1)	that links one of the factors in pt2 to an example in sport. Do not accept: pt.3 a sporting example that only links CoM to			
3. (Example)	Differing densities within the body affects the centre of mass (Changing body position) eg: A diver raises their arms above their head which raises their centre of mass or a sprinter moves their weight forward in the set position to get their centre of mass closer to the start line. or (Distribution of mass / differing densities) eg: A cyclist may have a lower centre of mass due to a high level of muscularity in their legs compared to upper body or a female hockey player may have a lower center of mass than a male due more mass centred around the hips		application of force or resulting motion.			
	Three marks from: 1. (Definition) 2. (Distribution of mass)	Three marks from: 1. (Definition) The point at which a body is balanced in all directions or The point at which weight is considered/appears to act 2. (Distribution of mass) The distribution of body mass affects the position of the centre of mass or Body position affects the centre of mass or Differing densities within the body affects the centre of mass 3. (Example) (Changing body position) eg: A diver raises their arms above their head which raises their centre of mass or a sprinter moves their weight forward in the set position to get their centre of mass closer to the start line. or (Distribution of mass / differing densities) eg: A cyclist may have a lower centre of mass due to a high level of muscularity in their legs compared to upper body or a female hockey player may have a lower center of mass than a male	Three marks from: 1. (Definition) The point at which a body is balanced in all directions or The point at which weight is considered/appears to act 2. (Distribution of mass) The distribution of body mass affects the position of the centre of mass or Body position affects the centre of mass or Differing densities within the body affects the centre of mass 3. (Example) (Changing body position) eg: A diver raises their arms above their head which raises their centre of mass or a sprinter moves their weight forward in the set position to get their centre of mass closer to the start line. or (Distribution of mass / differing densities) eg: A cyclist may have a lower centre of mass due to a high level of muscularity in their legs compared to upper body or a female hockey player may have a lower center of mass than a male due more mass centred around the hips			

	Section C	
Question	Answer	Guidance
4*	 Level 3 (8–10 marks) detailed knowledge & understanding (AO1) clear and consistent practical application of knowledge & understanding (AO2) effective analysis/evaluation and/or discussion/explanation/development (AO3) accurate use of technical and specialist vocabulary there is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and substantiated. 	 At Level 3 responses are likely to include: detailed description of strength tests selection or adaptation of a range of appropriate tests for a heptathlete Detailed positive and negative evaluation of the use of force plates for a heptathlete correct technical language is used throughout AO1, AO2 and AO3 all covered well in this level.
	 Level 2 (5–7 marks) satisfactory knowledge & understanding (AO1) some success in practical application of knowledge (AO2) analysis/evaluation and/or discussion/explanation/development attempted with some success (AO3) technical and specialist vocabulary used with some accuracy there is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence. 	 At Level 2 responses are likely to include: good description of strength tests tests are applied to a heptathlete good evaluation for the use of force plates, although there may more positive points given At the top of this level the evaluation will be applied to the heptathlete and there may be some negative evaluation maximum of 3 marks to be awarded for AO1. Either the strength tests or the evaluation must be applied to the example to access this level.
	 Level 1 (1–4 marks) basic knowledge & understanding (AO1) little or no attempt at practical application of knowledge (AO2) little or no attempt to analyse/evaluate and/or discuss/explain/develop (AO3) technical and specialist vocabulary used with limited success the information is basic and communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear. (0 marks) No response or no response worthy of credit. 	 At Level 1 responses are likely to include: identification of test(s), limited description reference to the heptathlete may not be evident force plates may be described rather than evaluated. There may be some limited evaluation at the top of this level. maximum of 3 marks to be awarded for AO1 with no application.

Marks: Total 10 (AO1 x 3, AO2 x 4, AO3 x 3):

	Indicative content		
	AO1 = KU	AO2 = EG	AO3 = DEV
	Description of strength tests appropriate for a heptathlete		
• 1. (Vertical jump)	Identification of vertical jump/sergeant jump test	 To test explosive/elastic strength Important for hurdling/sprint start/jump take off/throwing release Because maximal force produced in one or a series of quick/rapid contractions Test specific to jumping/sprinting 	 less relevant for measuring explosive strength in the upper body for throwing events Wingate test is a more specific dynamic strength test for events such as 100m hurdles or 200m.
• 2. (protocol)	(use of classic equipment) Highest reach measured with one outstretched arm then height of outstretched arm measured when jumping OR use of a contact mat	(first method using classic equipment) Mimics action in jump take-off	•
• 3. (results)	 The difference between the two heights is calculated OR data sent to computer depending on amount of time in air. 	 Explosive strength evaluation by comparing to standardised tables 	•
• 4. (1RM)	 Identification of 1RM 	 To test maximum strength 	 Hand grip test not specific to

	Indicative content		
• 5. (protocol)	High weight selected on multi-gym/free weight exercise to isolate a muscle group	 Important for sprint start/jump take off/throwing release squat to relevant to take off/throwing release bench press relevant to throwing events. 	hepthathlete Could be applicable to throwing events
6. (results)	 Increase weight until only one repetition can be performed 	 The maximum weight/resistance is the 1RM evaluation Full recovery between attempts is needed to ensure accuracy 	•
7. (Sit- up/Abdominal curl test)	Identification of sit-up/ abdominal curl test	 To test strength endurance Important for middle distance running or hurdles Because repeated force exerted over a period of time 	 Test not specific to leg muscles, although running is whole body exercise Press up test not specific to heptathlete as strength endurance in arm muscles of hepthathlete is not a key fitness requirement
8. (protocol)	 Performer completes abdominal curls/sit ups at progressive intensities (using abdominal curl test cd) until exhaustion OR performer completes sit ups repeatedly until they need to stop for a break. 	Uses abdominal muscles/rectus abdominus or hip flexors/iliopsoas muscles which are important in all heptathlon events	•

		Indicative content	
• 9. (results)	Stage and sit up number noted at exhaustion.	Strength endurance evaluation by comparing the score to standardised tables	•
10. 30 metre sprint test	•	To test dynamic strength	For the 100m hurdles, 200m, sprintingLong jump run up
Protocol	 Performer sprints 30m 3 times. The mean of the 3 scores is taken 	•	•
 Results 	 Results compared to normative data 	•	•
•	• Eval	uation of the use of force plates to aid p	performance of the athlete
10.(description of use)	Metal plate which measures reaction force generated by the athlete	 athlete runs or balances or jumps (onto or off) or hops or changes direction on the force plate plate measures forces in 3 dimensions or vertical and shear forces measured information sent to computer / forces displayed in graphical form 	•
11.(+ve - Size of force)	•	 eg: in sprint start, long jump take-off 	Gives information about the size/magnitude of the forces that the athlete is generating
• 12. +ve - Power	•	eg: in running stride, take off	Gives information about the speed of application of the forces /power that the athlete is generating
• 13. (+ve – bilateral)	•	 eg; in running, take off, throw release 	compares force produced between left and right foot.

	Indicative content		
• 14. (+ve – conc v ecc)	•	e.g. take off and landing in jumps/hurdles	 compares force produced at take off/concentric phase and landing/eccentric phase. any imbalance can guide training programme to reduce risk of injury (at take off or landing)
15. +ve - Direction of force	•	eg: angle of take-off in jumping/hurdling	 Direction that the forces are applied gives information about efficiency of technique
16. +ve - Acceleration	•	eg: acceleration from start/from take-off	 Knowledge of forces can be used to calculate acceleration of the athlete (also using mass of athlete)
• 17. +ve - Gait	•	eg: In hurdling/sprinting/running events	 (If used in conjunction with motion cameras) Efficiency of gait/running technique can be evaluated
• 18. +ve - Balance	•	eg: In preparation/execution phases of throwing events	Balance/ posture and alignment of athlete can be evaluated
 19. +ve – rehabilitation from injury 	•	eg: If athlete recovering from strain/sprain	Data can be used to evaluate rehabilitation from injury
• 20. +ve – fast/accurate	•	•	 Data is generated quickly and is accurate/valid/reliable
21. +ve- plan conditioning	•	eg: coaches can plan explosive strength training programme to improve sprint start	Data can be used (alongside limb kinematics) to plan tailored/specific training and conditioning programmes for the athlete
 +ve technique / efficiency improvements 	•	eg: long jumper needs to change the angle his foot hits the take off board	 can be used to identify technique and efficiency improvements for sports performers

	Indicative content		
• 22ve - expensive	•	eg: elite heptathlete only may have access to the technology	limited availability to athletes
• 23ve - specialist	•	•	 Specialist staff are needed to interpret the results Equipment needs to be maintained / calibrated to be accurate
• 24ve - laboratory	•	eg: cannot be used for several hurdles in a row/ assess bend running for middle distance event	 Force plates (usually) housed in laboratories Causing athletes to alter technique (to land on plate) Cannot be used for multiple actions at once Results may be less valid/reliable

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