

GCSE PE – Changes to qualification for first assessment 2023

Overview

As part of our on-going review of our qualification, we decided to review and refine our GCSE PE qualification to best suit our centre's needs.

We have consulted centres over the past few months through various surveys, focus groups and phone conversations to shape this revised qualification. We have listened and take on board your feedback and are now pleased to present to you our revised qualification for first assessment from summer 2023.

Components 1 and 2

It is important to note that there are no changes to the content.

The following changes are for first assessment for 2023:

- 3 sections per paper: A, B and C splitting topics
- Reduction of 10 marks per paper – 1 AO1 mark and 1x9 markers
- Reduced examined time for Paper 1 only
- Evaluate as only command word for 9 extended questions

Paper 1	Paper 2
Section A: Anatomy & Physiology and Movement analysis Section B: Physical Training Section C: One extended response on Physical Training topic only	Section A: Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Section B: Sports Psychology and socio-cultural influences Section C: One extended response from section B: Sports Psychology and socio-cultural influences
80 marks - 1 hour 30 mins	60 marks - 1 hour 15 mins

- There are no changes to question type – the only questions from original SAMs affected are:

Paper 1:

- **Question 8:** We have taken away one AO1 mark so that only two responses are required instead of three.
- **Question 18:** We have removed the original Question 18 as this question is not related to the topic area Physical Training and retained the original Question 19 as the only extended-writing question.

Paper 2

- **Question 9:** We have taken away one AO1 mark so that only one response is required instead of two.
- **Question 12:** We have removed the original Question 12 because this question is not related to the topic area Health, fitness and wellbeing, and retained the original Question 13 as the only extended-writing question.

Components 4

Following feedback from centres, we have reviewed this component and updated it to provide very specific guidance as to the expectations of the PEP.

As a result, we have done the following:

- Updated the PEP specification to make it more accessible and easier to understand in relation to the requirements for areas of content covered in the student's work.
- Created a new checklist (as a guide) to assist teachers and students with the type of content that needs to be included within the PEP as well as providing an example of the overall structure of the task.
- Created Performance Data examples which outlines examples of skills and practices learners could use when gathering performance data.
- New exemplars from our new principal moderator Dane Smith clearly outlining the standards across different levels
- 3 Self-paced modules c/w marking training event with a live online event with our Principal Moderation for Q&A

Penny Lewis our subject advisor will be running Q&A support session for GCSE PE with an opportunity for you to ask any questions on the GCSE PE specification for preparing for Summer 2023. Please click on to the session to book on:

[Wednesday 22 June 08.00 - 09.00](#)

[Tuesday 28 June 08.00 - 09.00](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Subject Advisor, Penny Lewis, at teachingpeandsport@pearson.com.