

Strand	Level 1 <i>Limited</i>				Level 2 <i>Some Attempts</i>				Level 3 <i>Good</i>				Level 4 <i>Very Good</i>				Level 5 <i>Excellent</i>			
1.	Collect initial fitness and performance data: pre-PEP fitness tests data covering a range of components of fitness, relevant and specific to the candidates’ selected sporting performance whilst also collecting performance related data that allows the possibility of realistic and measurable improvement. Interpret and analyse initial fitness test results for performance: using appropriate data (which must be from initial fitness test results and could also consider initial performance data gathered)																			
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2.	Select and justify a component of fitness: (weakness to improve) with statement of aim(s) intrinsically linked to bring about the best improvement in the candidates selected element of their sporting performance . Application of SMART targets: linked to fitness and performance, justifying why their targets are SMART and how they impact on the candidates selected element of their sporting performance. Select and justify a training method: an appropriate method of training to achieve the aim to improve the candidate’s component of fitness choice. Reasons for its selection and starting training intensities must be justified making it clear why this is the best and most suitable method to use to improve their future performance . Application of principles of training: an explanation of how they initially intend to apply the relevant training principles to their selected training method to help them achieve their SMART targets. Adaptations to the training plan should be applied as the plan progresses and be influenced by the daily or weekly evaluations of the training sessions.																			
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3.	Collecting and drawing up post-PEP fitness test data: relevant fitness tests, and performance data as at the start of the PEP. Compare pre- and post-PEP fitness test results for performance: all data should demonstrate the differences in fitness levels and performance pre and post PEP. Justify differences in data: discuss reasons for any differences or similarities in the results and what the results mean in terms of the candidate’s SMART targets. Show evidence which informs the discussion on results.																			
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4.	Evaluate application of: methods of training, SMART targets and principles of training Consideration as to whether the selected method of training; SMART targets and principles of training worked as intended should be discussed and whether they were well applied, and how they impacted overall on the candidate’s selected element of their sporting performance . Training plans or record sheets should be referred to within the discussion. Recommendations: Based on their evaluation of these factors they should then be able to identify what aspects of their programme should be changed and be able to justify the recommendations that they state that will improve future training plans and performance.																			
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5.	Candidates must produce a succinct and coherently structured PEP which should be written as continuous prose. This means the planning (analysis) and evaluation sections should be covered with appropriate content and detail ; that appropriate, subject specific terminology should be used; and that the PEP is succinct enough to be within the 1500-word count .																			
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Divided by 5:

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Overall Level:

Using the GCSE PE PEP Marking Grid

All GCSE student work should be marked using the assessment grids in the accredited specifications.

The Marking Grid is a support tool to help you make accurate judgements about student work.

Step by step instructions

1. Mark the PEP, taking each Strand at a time.
2. Follow the Mark Grid across the chart (from left to right) until the work exhibits characteristics reflected in the descriptors in the levels from 1 to 5.
3. Choose those descriptors that apply to the work (not all of them will), identify the mark within that level that best demonstrates the evidence in the work and circle that mark.
4. Identifying the mark in the relevant boxes will give you a clear visual picture (like a graph) of the student’s performance for each Strand (see the worked example below).
5. Once completed transfer the marks into the ‘Strand/Mark’ grid at the bottom. Calculate the total.
6. Transfer this total mark into the ‘Total mark’ on the left-hand column, divide by 5 (and, if necessary, round this sum).
7. Identify and write down the overall Level.

A worked example

In Strand 1, a GCSE student’s PEP shows **good interpretation and analysis** of the fitness test data with evidence at the very top of the mark range in Level 3 (12 marks). In Strand 2 the evidence showed they were able to **evaluate and justify** their training methods, but there were a few areas where they made small errors and achieved a Level 4 (14 marks). The Strand 3 mark showed their weakest area, achieving 10 marks at Level 3, because they did not fully develop their **interpretations**. Strand 4, again evidenced to be at the top of Level 3, contained well-argued **evaluation** of the application of the method(s) of training, SMART goals and principles of training, scoring 12 marks. The final Strand, Strand 5, contained evidence that put them at the bottom of Level 4, contained very good **coherence and structure** but lacked the appropriate terminology and could only score 13 marks.

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Strand	Mark
1	12
2	14
3	10
4	12
5	13
Total:	61

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Divided by 5:	12.2
Rounded:	12
Overall Level:	3

This student’s overall score, across the 5 Strands, was 61. This is then divided by 5 to give an average score across the Strands. This value is rounded to place them in the correct overall Level, which in this case is Level 3. They are a high Level 3, with elements of Level 4.