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Sport Science

Level 1/Level 2

Unit R041: Reducing the risk of sports injuries

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Annotations

1	2	281	?	Unclear
2	111	31	BOD	Benefit of doubt
3	×	21	Cross	Cross
4	PIAV	741	DEV	Development
5	-01	661	EG	Example/Reference
6	K	611	К	Knowledge
7		311	L1	Level 1
8	12	321	L2	Level 2
9	19	331	L3	Level 3
10		271	REP	Repeat
11		361	S	S (to be used to indicate 'sub max reached' in these units)
12		811	SEEN	Noted but no credit given
13	~	11	Tick	Tick
14	Ve	731	VG	Vague

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	 (R.I.C.E.) Four marks from: R – Rest the injured part/stop the activity/don't put your weight on it use crutches(legs) use splints (arms)/putting their feet up or continued activity can cause further harm/injury I – Apply ice 15/20 mins every 2/3 hours or at regular intervals or using an ice pack/pack of frozen peas or to stop internal bleeding/contracts blood vessels to stop swelling/to relieve pain C – Compress bandage the injured part (not too tight) or to prevent swelling/movement or to stop/control bleeding or to support (the limb) or to protect E – Elevate above level of heart/keep limb up/put leg on chair or to reduce swelling/pain/direct blood flow away. 	4	Sub max of one mark if only listed Rest/Ice/Compression/Elevation For full marks to be awarded answers must include a description of 'how' or an explanation of 'why'. Must have explanations/descriptions for each point to score full marks.
2	 (Common sports injuries) Five marks from: Soft tissue injuries – sprains/strains/tearing/twisted ankle/bruising/pulled hamstring or pulled muscle Overuse injuries – tendonitis/tennis elbow/golfer's elbow/shin splints Fractures – open/closed/broken leg/arm/chipped bone or cracked bone Abrasions – grazes/cuts Contusions – bruises/hematoma. 	5	Mark first answer only Accept one word answers eg bruise Do not accept: cramp BOD broken shoulder or hip or ankle for point

Q	uestion	Answer		Guidance
3	(a)	(Extrinsic factors) Three marks from:		3 marks max for identification
		1. Type of activity or sport		Accept contact sport for example of type of sport
		2. Coaching/supervision/poor coaching techn instructions/following rules/refereeing	iques/poor	Accept examples of playing surfaces eg pot holes
		3. Environmental factors/weather/playing surf participants	ace/other	
		4. Equipment/protective equipment/performar equipment/clothing or footwear	nce	
		5. (Safety) hazards/risk assessments/safety checks/emergency action plans.		

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(b)	1.	(Type of activity) contact sports present different injury risks gymnastic activities/other suitable example	3	3 marks max for description/examples that must link with identified factors from part a).
	2.	(Coaching/supervision) Poor/incorrect coaching techniques/ineffective communication skills/importance of adhering to rules and regulations/suitable example		
	3.	(Environment) Description of weather factors/playing surface/performance/surrounding area/other participants/suitable example or Opponents/other players – may be aggressive or get in the way for collisions or accidents through contact		
	4.	(Equipment) Protective equipment (shin pads in football)/performance equipment (rock climbing harness)/clothing/footwear suitable for playing surface/weather conditions/specific sport or activity/suitable example		
	5.	(Safety hazards) Risk assessments/safety or equipment checks/emergency action plans/suitable example.		

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
Question 4	 (Individual variables) Four marks from: Gender – males generally stronger than females/males less prone to injury Age – older people generally weaker/more prone to injury Flexibility – increased flexibility decreases chances of injury Nutrition – drinking enough water to prevent dehydration/eat enough to prevent fatigue Sleep – important we get enough sleep so not tired/focused/being tired Previous/recurring injuries/disability – pulled hamstrings that become weak/increased chance of pulling again Psychological factors or stress and anxiety or mental preparation – being over aggressive may increase chances of injury/ Individual physical preparation – fully warming up before activity/poor warm up increases chances of injury Fitness/any aspects of fitness eg strength/health or posture or body weight – the fitter we are the less chance of injury (especially towards end of game) or availability of medication 	Marks 4 4 4	Guidance Accept practical examples as explanation If four individual variables are identified with no explanation then one mark sub max. Accept opposites, but do not award two marks if opposites repeat the same point, eg "older people more prone to injury; younger people are less prone to injury" only scores 1 mark for point 2 Do not credit equipment (external variable)

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5	 (Cool down) Two marks from: 1. Pulse lowering exercises – easy movements/light running/eg jogging (around pitch) 2. Stretching/maintenance stretches/static stretches/eg hamstring stretches 3. Ice bath 	2	Accept any relevant cool down activities suited to rugby Do not accept rehydration or drinking water
6	(Dealing with sprain) One correct answer only: A – Heat packs	1	

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7	 (Epilepsy) Five marks from: Four marks sub-max for symptoms: 1. Seizures (repeated)/fits/twitching/rolling on the floor 2. Auras/Changes in the way things look/smell/feel/taste/sound / blurred vision 3. Feeling that events have happened before/déjà vu 4. Tingling sensations/'pins and needles'(in your arms/legs) 5. Sudden intense emotion/fear/joy 6. Muscles in your arms/legs/face may become stiff/tight teeth/jaw clenching 7. Smacking your lips/making random noises Chewing/swallowing 8. Rubbing your hands/moving your arms around/picking at clothes/fiddling with objects 9. Unable to respond to anyone/unaware of surroundings/dizziness/staring (into space) 10. No memory of the event. 	5	Both parts of the question must be answered to gain maximum marks Sub-max 4 for identification of symptoms
	 Four marks sub-max for responses to epilepsy: 1. Matched to need of the individual/emergency care/action plan/call emergency services 2. Anti-epileptic drugs/AEDs/medication 3. Protect the person from injury/remove harmful objects from nearby/cushion their head/ensure environment is safe 4. Do not restrain/allow free but safe movements 5. (Aid breathing by gently) placing them in the recovery position (once the seizure has finished) 6. Stay with the person until recovery is complete/be calm/reassuring. 		Sub-max 4 for responses

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8	(Diabetes)Three marks from:1.1.Increased thirst or appetite2.Going to the toilet lots3.(Extreme) tiredness/drowsiness/fatigue4.Fainting/collapse/unconscious/coma5.Weight loss or weight gain6.Uncharacteristic behaviour/irritable7.Confusion/memory loss8.Pale/cold/sweaty skin9.Shallow/rapid breathing.10.11.Nausea/vomiting12.13.14.Sow healing cuts/sores15.17.16.Abdominal pain17.17.18.18.Red or swollen gums	Marks 3	Any three answers listed acceptable for three marks max	

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9	 (Scoliosis) Four marks from: Two marks max for symptoms: (Abnormal) curvature of the spine/'S' or 'C' shape Leaning to one side/spine bending either to the left/right or not being able to stand straight or bend properly Uneven musculature in the back Prominent rib/ribs or ribs rotated One shoulder (blade)/hip being higher/more prominent than the other Uneven arm/leg lengths Back pain Problems with the nervous system or slow nerve action Two marks max for increasing injury: Increased chance of loss of bone mass/weaker bones increase in risk of fractures or if we fall we are more likely to get injured Muscular imbalance – important to work both sides of the body leading to strains or sprains Over compensating due to previous injury resulting in poor posture/back ache Poor technique resulting in poor posture/back ache Sports that put uneven load on spine eg figure skating/skiing and therefore related injuries more likely. 	4	2 marks max for relevant symptoms 2 marks max for increasing risk of injury

Q	uestion	Answer		Guidance
10	(a)	 Three marks from: Acute injuries: One mark max for example: 1. Acute injuries, such as a sprained ankle, strained back, or fractured hand or strain or sprain or concussion (or any example that occurs suddenly during activity eg fracture, dead leg) Two mark max for description: 1. Caused as a result of a sudden trauma or blow to the body 2. Immediate pain 3. Immediate swelling on or around point of contact 4. Immediate loss of function/weakness. 	3	 1 mark max for relevant example (credit any reasonable example provided as long as specific to an acute injury) 2 marks max for description
	(b)	 Three marks from: Chronic injuries: One mark max for example: eg (Achilles) tendonitis, shin splints or tennis elbow Two mark max for description: Overuse injuries/result of continuous stress on an area These injuries tend to develop gradually over a period of time Resulting in pain Swelling over a period of time Lasts a long time or keeps reoccurring Gradual loss of function or increase in weakness. 	3	 1 mark max for relevant example (credit any reasonable example provided as long as specific to a chronic injury) Accept Osgood Schlatter's as BOD 2 marks max for description

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
11	(Risk assessments)			2 marks max if no examples
		narks from:		
		ssessing the possibilities of an accident		Odd numbers = description
		ccurring/potential consequences because they take lace before the activity/identifying hazards		Even numbers = example
		Referee via a pitch inspection will call off game if itch too frozen (too dangerous)		If an example is given then full marks can be accessed
		actions to be taken to avoid/ prevent/ reduce chances f accident happening		
	4. R	Removing debris/litter from a tennis court		
		Checking/assessing facilities/surface/environment/ veather during the activity		
	6. R	Referee stopping the game due to heavy rain		
	7. C	Checking/assessing equipment		
	8. R	Referee checking goalposts		
	9. C	Checking/assessing participants		
	10. O	Officials checking if players are wearing jewellery		
	11. S	Surrounding area/spectators		
	12. B	soarding/objects too close to the pitch.		

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
Question	 Answer (Cool down & environmental factors)	Marks	Guidance
12	Three marks from: (Facilities) Availability of specific facilities for cool down areas (Indoor/outdoor)/overcrowded facilities/cool down in changing rooms if facility is being used eg squash court or cool down in changing room if pitch is flooded or unsuitable (Facilities) If poor facilities or poor pitch/surface then injuries/ineffective or dangerous cool down may occur (Hot) – Cooling down more difficult in hot conditions/cool down in a shaded area/indoors in hot conditions (Hot) Take on even more fluids/refuel during cool down in hot conditions (Hot) Lower core temperature – water spray/ice bath in hot conditions (Cold) – Cool down indoors in cold conditions to prevent heat loss (Cold) If environment is very cold, a longer cool down is usually necessary (Cold) Muscles that have been extremely strained tend to stay tight and/or become even tighter in a cold environment. 	3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
13	 (Blisters) Three marks from: Two marks max for reason: 1. Caused by friction/rubbing (from trainers/gloves)/poorly fitting footwear/no or inappropriate footwear/new footwear 2. No socks/inappropriate socks 3. Heat/hot weather 4. Sweating (of feet)/wet feet 5. Large amounts of stress/impact/overtraining/overuse/ long distances (of footwork activities) 6. Unused to training. One mark max for treatment 1. Sterilise/clean/disinfect/use cream 2. Leave the blister to heal naturally/keep intact 3. Cover with or use plaster/bandage or put a dressing on it 4. If signs of infection seek medical advice 5. Puncture with sterilised needle. 6. Apply ice pack to blood blisters 	3	Two marks sub-max for reasons One mark sub-max for treatment
14	(Medical Conditions) Two marks from: 1. Diabetes 2. Epilepsy 3. Asthma 4. Scoliosis 5. Osgood Schlatter's 6. Heart problems/heart disease 7. (Severe) allergies	2	Do not accept injuries as medical conditions Accept any other relevant medical condition.

Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
15	0 = nil res MB1 (1–3 The response warm up. Candidate indicative be some in There is lindicative limited co	response: ponse or response not worthy of credit marks) onse shows a limited understanding of the benefits of a es provide simple descriptions of a few points from the content. No attempt is made at explanation and there may rrelevant material in the answer. ttle or no use of technical vocabulary and sentences have herence and structure. grammar, punctuation and spelling may be noticeable and	8	 Differentiating between levels look for: MB1: (1–3) Where valid indicative points are made they may mainly relate only to physical benefits Simple description rather than explanation Identification of components of a warm up/examples of a warm up (irrelevant)
	Candidate good know made. At negative s top of the There is s most part	marks) onse shows an understanding of the benefits of a warm up. es make some valid points from the indicative content with wledge and understanding. Some attempt at explanation is this level candidates may address both positive and sides relating to warming up or not warming up, and at the level one or more of the developed points may be seen. ome use of technical vocabulary and sentences for the are relevant and are coherent. occasional errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling.		 MB2: (4–6) Likely to include some of: pulse raising, stretching, skills and psychological benefits May be one or more developed points including psychological benefits Some explanation
	(physical Candidate which ma The answ technical	marks) onse shows a detailed understanding of the benefits and psychological) of warming up. es make many points from the indicative content, several of y be developed. Explanation is clearly given. er is well structured and uses appropriate terminology and vocabulary. few if any errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling.		 MB3: (7–8) Points are developed/expanded Some understanding of the effects of not warming up Likely to include most/all of: pulse raising, stretching, skills and psychological benefits Clear explanations Very few QWC errors

Questi	on Answer	Marks	Guidance
	cative content: sical benefits of a warm up Warming up muscles/preparing the body for physical activity Pulse raiser – Increase in body temperature (so muscles more flexible/less chance of injury) Pulse raiser – Increase in heart rate (speeding up delivery of oxygen to working muscles) Stretching to increase in flexibility of muscles and joints (reducing chances of injury) Stretching to increase in pliability of ligaments and tendons (reducing chances of injury) Increase in blood flow and oxygen to muscles Increase in the speed of muscle contraction/reaction time Increase in the strength of muscle contraction Release of adrenaline (speeding up delivery of oxygen to working muscles) Improve performance/technique/practice/rehearse skills Delay onset of lactic acid/fatigue Reduce risk of injury/muscle strain.		Always indicate the level at the end of the response (L1 or L2 or L3) Points in brackets and bold are developed points which show further understanding. It would be expected that where these are used in the response, it would be a MB2 or MB3 response in most cases. Not using the developed points must not prohibit candidates from achieving the top band or full marks, but is a potential indicator of the level at which they are responding. Annotations: K = knowledge credit DEV = development of knowledge EG = practical example
Psy 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	chological benefits of a warm up Heightens/control arousal levels/'get in the zone'/settle nerves Improve concentration/focus (selective attention) Increase motivation/drive Mental rehearsal Increase confidence.		

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