

FAQ's - GCSE (1827 & 3827) Physical Education

Assessment Forms

Requesting forms - PE34 / PE34AP

These forms are sent to centres automatically on the basis of estimated entries. The forms are available from our website, www.edexcel.org.uk if you require additional copies.

Centres can complete PE34/PE34AP electronically and send it to their moderator via e-mail or print the forms and send hard copies.

How do I complete the PE34AP form?

This form gives a breakdown of the marks awarded to candidates for Analysis of Performance. There are 5 criteria and candidates can gain a maximum of 4 for each. The total mark is out of 20. Please note that the 2B (Analysis of Performance) mark should be entered onto the PE34 form as a mark out of 20.

How do I complete OPTEMS forms?

2A - coursework marks - out of 40 (out of 20 for the short course)

2B - Analysis of Performance - out of 20

2C - Final Practical Assessment - out of 40 (out of 20 for the short course)

Publications

Requesting Specification/ Coursework Guide/ Specimen Papers

The most recent issues of all publications are available to download from our website. Alternatively, they can be ordered from Edexcel Publications on 01623 467467.

Centres must have Issue 3 of the Coursework Guide and Issue 3 of the Specification

Can I be sent Past Papers?

These are available to purchase from Edexcel Publications on 01623 467467.

Could I be sent a PEV02 or PE0S2 form?

Centres should photocopy the relevant page in the 'Instructions for the Conduct of the Examination and Coursework' booklet. Centres should receive this booklet in January of the examination year. It will be available to download from our website if centres do not have a copy.

Analysis of Performance

Can candidates do Analysis of Performance on an activity they haven't chosen as one of their practical activities?

No. Candidates must do their Analysis of Performance on an activity that they are being assessed in. Candidates should do their Analysis of Performance on the same activity as the one they have based their PEP on.

If a candidate is doing the analysis on their athletics activity - do they need to do it on all three events or can they choose just the one event?

Page 82 of the coursework guide states 'For the analysis of performance candidates will only need to analyse one of their three athletic events'.

Do I put the 2B (Analysis of Performance) mark onto the PE34 as a mark out of 10 or 20?
The 2B mark should go onto the PE34 as a mark out of 20.

Practical Activities

Can a certain activity be assessed (e.g. Tae Kwon Do)?

All of the available Practical Activities are listed in the Coursework Guide. Diving, Tae Kwon Do and any other activities which are not listed in the coursework guide are not available. Due to the diversity of practical activities there is a need to retain a finite list of options in order to maintain the rigour of the assessment process. However, centres should refer to The Meeting Local Needs criteria outlined in the Coursework Guide and the Specification (page 6) if they wish to propose an additional activity. (Please note that the activity MUST be delivered within the curriculum in the centre and available to all of their GCSE candidates in order to be considered). These proposals should be sent to Roger Beard.

The final date for the acceptance of proposed details for any further additional activities will be 30th October in the academic year of the examination series.

Can candidates do dance on ice as one of their practical activities?

Candidates can do Dance on Ice, that is assessed against the generic dance criteria in the coursework guide.

Is Figure skating available?

Figure Skating is not available. However Candidates can do Dance on Ice, that is assessed against the generic dance criteria in the coursework guide therefore, it is likely to differ from competition Ice Dancing. No credit will be given at GCSE level for figure skating type moves. E.g. Spins, jumps etc.

What are the requirements for Dance?

Candidates must demonstrate the ability to perform one dance, through a solo, duet or group performance, each piece performed should last between two and four minutes. Dance may only be offered as one practical activity. Candidates may choose to include work from the following dance styles for assessment purposes:

Modern - Disco, Rock n Roll, Jive etc
Contemporary (Lyrical)
Ballet
Tap
Jazz
Folk - Irish, Morris, Country/Barn, Line Dancing.
Traditional - Ballroom, Salsa, Rhumba etc.
Ethnic - Indian (Kathak)

Fitness Training - Assessment.

The assessment of the Fitness Training activity differs from other practical activities. The coursework assessment (2A) will be based upon the performance of two types of training, whilst the final practical assessment (2C) will be based on the candidates performing his/her preferred type of training 'on the day'. The final mark for component 2C is awarded for this one performance.

Centres must show two activities on moderation day, candidates must perform their best activity.

Candidates undertaking the Fitness Training activity are required to develop a PEP to support their course of study and these must be available on the moderation day.

How do we practically assess disabled candidates?

Centres will need to apply necessary amendments and adaptations to the practical criteria to ensure an individual is not disadvantaged.

Please refer to page 14 and Appendix B in the Coursework Guide (Issue 3)

Does video evidence need to be compiled?

Centres must have video evidence for all off-site activities that are assessed outside the timetable of activities available for the Visiting Moderator. Further details regarding Video Evidence is available in the Coursework Guide Appendix D.

Small centres (less than 20 candidates) will be required to video their Final Practical Assessment and send it to a moderator for moderation. The PE Assessment team will contact those centres with further details.

Candidate is injured and unable to participate in the practical, what should I do?

The centre should apply for Special Consideration for the candidate. Please consult Special Requirement guidelines for instructions.

How do I find out who my moderator is?

Moderators will contact centres by January 31st in the academic year of the examination series. Please note that small centres (less than 20 candidates) will not be allocated a visiting moderator.

PEP (Personal Exercise Plan)

How is the PEP assessed?

The PEP is assessed as part of the Analysis of Performance. Please refer to page 14 of the Specification for the assessment matrix. The PEP is assessed as part of the 4th criteria titled 'Planning strategies, tactics, practices and training to improve performance: making use of their six week PEP'. Candidates must have their PEPs with them when being assessed in their Analysis of Performance and show evidence from them in order to access the full 4 marks available.

The PEP is also assessed as part of the Fitness Training practical option. Please refer to the 'Fitness Training - Final Practical Assessment Criteria' on page 88 onwards in the Coursework Guide.

Are all candidates required to produce a Personal Exercise Programme (PEP)?

Yes. Every candidate should produce a PEP as part of their Analysis of Performance. They will need their PEP with them during their Analysis of Performance assessment in order to access all of the available marks. A candidate's PEP **should** be based on the same activity as the one they have chosen for their Analysis of Performance.

Further details on the PEP are in the GCSE Physical Education Teacher's Guide.

There are no exemplar PEP's available from Edexcel.

Coursework Deadline

Friday 6th May 2005 - All Final Practical Assessments must be completed by this date.