Lever Systems Mark Scheme

1. The picture below shows a performer 'taking-off' in the sport of long jump. Identify the type of lever system being used at the ankle joint and outline the fulcrum, load and effort. (4 Marks)

Mark One – The lever system being shown at the ankle joint is a 2nd class lever system

Mark Two – The fulcrum is the balls of the feet

Mark Three – The load is the bodyweight through the centre of the foot

Mark Three – The effort is the gastrocnemius



2. A bicep curl is being performed in the image below. Identify the type of lever system being used. Justify your answer. (2 marks)

Mark One – A bicep curl is a third class lever system

Mark Two – This is because the effort is in the middle



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3. First class lever systems have a mechanical advantage. Describe what is meant by a mechanical advantage. (2 Marks)

Mark One – A mechanical advantage is when a large load can be lifted with relatively little effort

Mark Two – Effort arm ÷ Resistance Arm

4. Give an example of a first class lever system. (1 Marks)

Mark One – Nodding the head OR Rowing a boat OR Tricep Dip