

	GCSE PE Examination Board		
	AQA	Edexcel	OCR
Content	Wide-ranging/a very a large degree of content but differing levels of detail required	Slightly less range of content than AQA, but often more detail required	Significantly less content than the other two exam boards
Length of Exams	Paper One – 1hr 15 mins Paper Two – 1hr 15mins	Paper One – 1hr 45mins Paper Two – 1hr 15 mins	Paper One – 1hr Paper Two – 1hr
Marks per Exam	Paper One – 78 Paper Two - 78	Paper One – 90 Paper Two - 70	Paper One – 60 Paper Two - 60
Exam Technique	Lots of knowledge required to gain marks across all topics and at times pupils must explain in detail	Almost everything must be explained and/or related to sporting performance	Knowledge required of all topics but detail isn't always required. 3/4 markers can still be explained in 'points'
Longer Mark Questions	One 6 marker and one 9 marker. A03 is heavily weighted compared with A01 & A02 meaning pupils must think carefully about how to analyse/evaluate in detail.	Two 9 markers. Evenly weighted with A01/A02/A03 so pupils will have lots of writing to do but may find the technique of point, explanation, evaluation easier to understand	One 6 marker. This is evenly weighted between A01/A02/A03. Questions are often worded in a way that A03 is almost a separate question, perhaps making the question easier to decipher
Coursework	Centres around identifying and evaluating strengths and weakness Pupils may enjoy the fact that a range of topics can be chosen and linked	Centres around the creation of a Personal Exercise Programme. Pupils may enjoy creating data on their own training and seeing genuine improvements	Centres around identifying and evaluating strengths and weakness. Pupils may enjoy the breakdown of topics within the task, creating step by step guidelines
Overall Thoughts	Pupils and teachers who are passionate about the subject will enjoy the wide-ranging content. Interesting topics such as aggression and arousal are only studied with this exam board. Pupils going onto A Level PE will be in a great position.	Pupils who are able to write in detail about every topic and have the ability to explain their points will enjoy this exam board. The topic of 'injuries' is covered in more detail – pupils can often relate to this from personal sporting experiences.	Pupils will have less content to recall than the other two exam boards. This may make exam revision a little easier and perhaps means that more focus can be given to both coursework and practical moderation. May suit pupils who are stronger practically.