



Topic Tests for BTEC Tech Award (L1/2): Sport

Component 3: Developing Fitness to
Improve Other Participants' Performance
in Sport and Physical Activity

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Teacher's Introduction

This resource has been created for the BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Sport (first teaching from September 2022). It covers all the theoretical content for **Component 3: Developing Fitness to Improve Other Participants' Performance in Sport and Physical Activity**. There is a total of 14 topic tests, each of which focuses on a different area of the unit specification. Tests range from 28 to 44 marks in total and should take approximately 30–45 minutes each to complete, depending on the specific number of marks available in each test.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

Each topic test is designed to progress in difficulty, generally starting with memory recall questions, to get students thinking about the core specification points of each topic, before becoming harder and requiring students to use more of their initiative in their answers. The topic tests often contain multiple parts, containing a mix of short-answer questions and longer, inferential questions. Many questions include sport and physical activity examples to give students an idea of the broad practical application of theoretical content. A variety of question styles is included, e.g. multi-choice, gap-fill, match-up exercises, tables, diagrams and images, all of which are used to engage the student. For the purpose of testing questions using normative data, we have created data sets that are reasonable estimations of normative data. As such, they are realistic and work in testing the student's ability to interpret data. **Please note for coursework and alike, students should compare to real normative data obtained from reliable sources.**

Answers and guidance for mark allocation are provided at the end of the resource, and can be used for peer- or self-assessment. They also provide you, the teacher, with an opportunity to identify students' strengths and weaknesses in order to individualise and direct your teaching practices accordingly.

Specification reference table

The following table can be used to identify which specification points you are teaching and select the appropriate topic test to suit your needs.

Topic test	Title	Spec reference	Total marks
A – Importance of fitness for sports performance			
1	Components of fitness	A1	39
2	Fitness training principles and exercise intensity	A2–A3	43
B – Investigate fitness testing to determine fitness levels			
3	Importance of fitness testing and requirements for administration	B1	41
4	Physical fitness test methods (aerobic endurance and muscular endurance)	B1–B2, B4	39
5	Physical fitness test methods (muscular strength and speed)	B1–B2, B4	35
6	Physical fitness test methods (flexibility and body composition)	B1–B2, B4	37
7	Skill-related fitness test methods (agility, balance, coordination)	B1, B3–B4	37
8	Skill-related fitness test methods (power and reaction time)	B1, B3–B4	32
C – Investigate different fitness training methods			
9	Fitness training methods: aerobic endurance (requirements, provision and long-term training effects)	C1–C2, C4–C6	44
10	Fitness training methods: muscular endurance and strength (requirements, provision and long-term training effects)	C1–C2, C4–C6	28
11	Fitness training methods: speed and flexibility (requirements, provision and long-term training effects)	C1–C2, C4–C6	38
12	Fitness training methods: skill-related fitness components (requirements, provision and long-term training effects)	C1, C3–C6	40
D – Investigate fitness programming to improve fitness and sports performance			
13	Personal information and fitness training programme design	D1–D2	30
14	Motivational techniques for fitness programming	D3	32

1. Components of Fitness

1. a) Complete the following definition of muscular strength.

'Muscular strength is the maximum _____ that can be exerted by a muscle or muscle group.'

Muscular strength is important for sports such as rugby.

- b) Which of the following examples in rugby requires the most muscular strength? Tick the box next to your answer.

- i) Driving back the opposition in a ruck, maul or scrum ☐
- ii) Changing direction quickly to evade an opponent ☐
- iii) Performing a chip kick over an opponent ☐
- iv) Throwing a spin pass out wide to the winger in space ☐



- c) Name two other sports or activities where strength is a key component. Explain how.

Sport/activity 1:	Sport/activity 2:
(1 mark)	(1 mark)
Example:	Example:
(1 mark)	(1 mark)

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2. a) Give **one** example of where reaction time is required in the following sports:

Bat and ball sports, e.g. Cricket:

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Sprint events, e.g. 100 m sprint:

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- b) Give **one** example of where coordination is required in the following sports:

Racquet sports, e.g. Tennis:

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Jump events, e.g. Triple jump:

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3. Flexibility is an important component of fitness in gymnastics.

- a) Explain how having good flexibility could impact performance in gymnastics:

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- b) In  other sport would flexibility be most important to performance? Tick the box next to your answer.

i) Skiing ☐

ii) Martial arts ☐

iii) Snooker ☐

iv) 100 m sprint ☐

- c) Balance is also a key component of fitness in gymnastics. There are two types of balance: static and dynamic.

Give one example of where static balance might be used in gymnastics and one example of where dynamic balance might be used in gymnastics.

Static balance:

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Dynamic balance:

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4. a) State the definition of muscular endurance.

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Josh is a decathlete who requires muscular endurance for the 400 and 1,500 m runs. He also competes in the events displayed in the table below.

100 m sprint	Long jump	Shot-put
110 m hurdle	Discus throw	Pole vault

- b) Explain, using examples from the decathlon, why the type of event should be considered when determining the fitness components important for successful participation.

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5. a) Fill in the gaps below to identify how speed and power are determined.

'Speed is measured by the _____ it takes to _____
cover a short distance determined _____

Power is calculated from _____ \times speed
exertion is performed as _____

Tanja is a 100 m sprinter who has been advised by her coach that in order to improve her performance she must develop her power and her speed.



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- b) Explain **one** reason why power and **one** reason why speed are important successful performance in the 100 m sprint.

Power:

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Speed:

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- c) Using **one** team sport, give an example of where speed and power are required.

Speed
 <p>(1 mark)</p>

6. a) Describe **two** examples of where agility is required in different playing positions.

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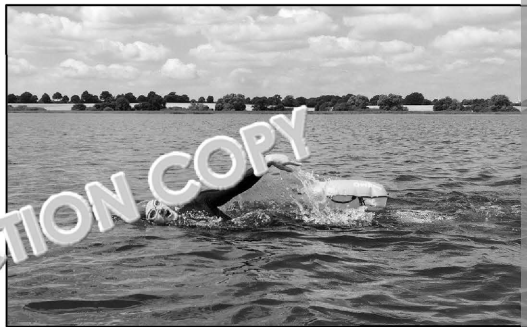
- b) Name **one other** sport where agility is a key component of fitness, and give an example of where it is required.

Sport/activity 1:


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7. Samantha's coach suggested that aerobic endurance is a key component of freestyle water swimming.



- a) Explain **one** reason why aerobic endurance is a key component of fitness.

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- b) Give **two other** sports or physical activities where aerobic endurance is a


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8. a) Identify the component of fitness described below.

of fat-free mass to fat mass.

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- b) Using different sporting examples, explain why low body fat and high muscle mass are important to sports performance.

Low body fat	High body fat
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1. Components of Fitness

1. a) Complete the following definition of muscular strength.

'Muscular strength is the maximum _____ that can be generated by

Muscular strength is important for sports such as rugby.

- b) Which one of the following examples in rugby requires the most muscular strength?
- Driving back in opposition in a ruck, maul or scrum
 - Changing direction quickly to evade an opponent
 - Performing a chip kick over an opponent
 - Throwing a spin pass out wide to the winger in space



- c) Name **two other** sports or activities where strength is a key component. Give an example how.

2. a) Give **one** example of where reaction time is featured in the following sports.
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5. a) Complete the sentences below to identify how speed and power are determined.
 'Speed is measured by the (i) _____ it takes an individual to cover a short, precise distance.'
 'Power is calculated from (iii) _____ \times speed, where maximal exertion is performed for a short period.'

Tanja is a 100 m sprinter who has been advised by her coach that in order to improve her personal best she must develop her power and her speed.

- b) Explain **one** reason why power and **one** reason why speed are important components of fitness for successful performance in the 100 m sprint. (4 marks)

- c) Using **one** team sport, give **one** example of where speed and power are required.

6. a) Give **two** examples of where agility is required in different playing positions.



- b) Name **one other** sport where agility is a key component of fitness, and give **one** reason why.

7. Samantha's coach suggested that aerobic endurance is a key component of fitness for her event of open water swimming.

- a) Explain **one** reason why aerobic endurance is a key component of fitness for open water swimming. (2 marks)

- b) Give **two other** sports or physical activities where aerobic endurance is a key component of fitness.

8. a) Identify the component of fitness described below.

The ratio of fat-free mass to total body mass.



- b) Using different sporting examples, explain why low body fat and high muscle mass are important to sports performance.

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2. Fitness Training Principles and Exercise

Q.	Answer										
1	b) To increase the time available for planning future training sessions.										
2	To calculate the intensity for training muscular strength and muscular endurance it involves determining one-rep max (the maximum weight an individual can lift for a given exercise) (1). Muscular strength training can be performed at 80–100% of one-rep max (1), whereas muscular endurance can be trained with a load below 80% of one-rep max but for approx. 15 repetitions (1).										
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Q.	Answer
c	Allows the performer to manipulate work rate to ensure they are performing at the right intensity / heart rate range / RPE (1) to elicit the desired adaptations (e.g. 60–85% for cardiovascular fitness) (1)
8	<p>a Frequency: How many times / how often a participant trains (usually per week) (1)</p> <p>Progressive overload: Gradually increasing work rate over time to encourage the body to adapt / fitness improvements (1)</p> <p>b Caoimhan is currently training three times a week, so they could increase their frequency by training four times a week (1). They could also increase the duration and intensity of their training sessions (e.g. adding in more intervals / lifting heavier weights at the gym) (1).</p> <p>c Type: The method of training that a participant decides to use to improve their selected component of fitness (1)</p> <p>Specificity: Selecting appropriate training methods/activities that will improve the components of fitness required for a given sport/activity (1)</p> <p>d As a long-distance road cyclist, he should select the type of training methods that focus on muscular endurance, e.g. free weights or circuit training using body weight exercises with a high number of reps (1). To ensure this is specific to long-distance cycling, he should perform with low loads and high reps and focus on leg exercises to replicate the demands of cycling (1).</p>
9	<p>Indicative content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specificity of FITT principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of HR max is an effective way of measuring the intensity of training, but working at 60–85% HR max in weeks 1–2 is not specific to long-term improving anaerobic capacity In order for training to be specific, she should aim for an intensity in the anaerobic training zone of 80–100% HR max (but she does only this in Week 5) Time of training sessions might be an excessive amount for improving anaerobic capacity Shorter, high-intensity training sessions that focus more closely on her 2 km rowing time (8–9 mins long) might be a more appropriate application of the time principle Type of training (rowing) is specific to her sport Progressive overload of FITT principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The progression from Week 1 to Week 2 is a sensible application of progressive overload in terms of frequency There are no progressive overload patterns between intensity and time An inverse relationship between intensity and time (i.e. increasing intensity with a decreasing time) would be an appropriate way to progressively overload these principles Adaptation / rest and recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training two or three times a week gives 4–5 recovery days, which is enough time for adaptation to take place By increasing training load as the weeks progress, Martha demonstrates her ability to cope with these loads Reversibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martha might experience a de-training effect over Week 3 and Week 4, when she is not taking part in any training Variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martha might wish to apply principles of anaerobic training to different training methods in order to avoid boredom

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Appendix A: Levelled Mark Scheme

Levelled marking will be used to decide on the marks awarded for extended-answer questions. The examiner/marker will look at various aspects of the student's answer (including understanding, as well as their application and evaluative skills) to decide which grade the answer merits.

The table below contains a summary of details found in the mark scheme in the student's answer, how these are demonstrated in students' answers to the question, and the marks awarded for each level.

Examiners will take a 'best-fit' approach to marking answers. This involves the following:

1. Making a **best-fit** judgement on which band the answer most closely matches.
2. Deciding which mark *within* that band the student should receive.
 - a. This is based on the quality of the answer, linked to how securely key elements (as indicated in the table below) are covered.
 - b. Whether the answer falls into the bottom, middle or top of that band depending on the quality of the answer covering key elements of that band within the answer.

	Marks	Description
Level 1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates isolated knowledge and understanding of the question and has gaps in knowledge• Makes only a few points that are related to the context of the question• Little analysis/evaluation made with points being stated without a supported conclusion
Level 2	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates some accurate knowledge and understanding, which is way linked to the question• A fair few points are related to the context of the question• Some signs of analysis/evaluation but not always detailed conclusion
Level 3	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding of the question• The majority of points are related to the context of the question• Analysis is well-developed, detailed and logical

0 marks should be awarded if no part of the answer is worthy of credit.

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