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## Answers

# Marking AQA A2 exam papers

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## Answer 1

- Research and innovation
- Funding of elite performers
- World-class events

**Marks: 0/4**

### Comments:

- Brief bullet point answers only.
- No explanation — this is what is asked for in the question.
- Only three points made for a 4-mark question.

## Answer 2

UK Sport oversees centres of excellence for elite performers (e.g. UKSI) **(B on the mark scheme)**. It is responsible for developing elite performers, which includes giving them money. The National Lottery was introduced in 1997 and UK Sport gives some of the lottery funds to elite performers **(M)**.

An important way UK Sport helps fund elite athletes is via Athlete Personal Awards. This money goes straight to the elite performer to help with living costs so they can devote themselves full time to sport and win us medals like at London 2012

**Marks: 2/4**

### Comments:

- Perhaps a little too long winded, with lots of words used to try and explain points being made. Being as succinct as possible is important for PHED3 success.
- Repetition and dwelling for too long on one point is evident and should be avoided.

## Answer 3

UK Sport has developed lots of strategies to develop elite athletes. These include its responsibility for the World Class Performance Programme **(C)**, which works at three levels from talent to development up to podium **(D)**. Athletes on the World Class Performance Programme are able to go to the EIS centres that UK Sport is responsible for **(B)**. These EIS centres develop new technology to help elite athletes (e.g. equipment to help cyclists), which is called research and innovation **(F)**. They also

provide the best sport science support for elite athletes, such as biomechanical analysis of performance (1).

**Marks: 4/4**

**Comments:**

- A number of correct points are made and are developed with brief explanations, as required by the question.
- One more point than the total number of marks available has been made. This is good exam practice on Section C of PHED3 — just in case an answer is deemed to be repetition/incorrect.