



NETBALL
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'A' AND 'B'
UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT
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ANSWER SHEET

TIME: 1 hr 30 mins

PASS MARK:

A Award - Section 1 - 27/33
Section 2 - 25/32

B Award - Section 1 - 22/33
Section 2 - 18/32

Learners must pass in both sections

LEARNERS ARE REQUESTED TO USE BIRO or PEN – BLUE or BLACK.
TIPPEX or SIMILAR MATERIALS SHOULD NOT BE USED
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS USING THE SPACE PROVIDED

PLEASE NOTE IN BOTH SECTIONS:

- 1. Learners are not required to quote rule numbers**
- 2. Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper**

SECTION 1

This Section contains 12 questions:

The following questions 1 – 9 require a learner to write the:-

Infringement (the rule number is not required)

The Sanction awarded

Who the Sanction is awarded to and

Where the Sanction is taken

Example 1:

The Blue C who has the ball in the centre third is contacted by the Red WD.

What is the infringement?	Contact	1 mark
What sanction would you award?	Penalty Pass against Red WD	1 mark
Who is the sanction awarded to?	To any Blue team player allowed in the area	1 mark
Where is the sanction taken?	Where the Red WD was standing unless this places the non-offending team at a disadvantage	1 mark

Please note it is not sufficient to just answer 'Where the infringement occurred'.

Example 2:

If the answer to a question is NO Action – insert ‘No Action’

A Blue WA has the ball in the Centre Third and the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and she is 0.9m (3 feet) away from her opponent.

What is the infringement?	No Action	1 mark
What sanction would you award?		
Who is the sanction awarded to?		
Where is the sanction taken?		

SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. Injury time is called for the Red WD so she leaves the court to get some strapping applied to her ankle. Play resumes with the Red WD still off court and no substitutions are made. After the strapping has been completed she enters the court immediately

(i)	What is the infringement?	Stoppages, injury/ Illness or blood Rule 9.3.1
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	Free Pass–Red WD to leave the court until after the next goal or interval
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	Blue team (opposing team) player allowed in area
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	Where ball was when play was stopped

2. Blue WD enters the Red attacking goal circle in an attempt to catch the ball. She tips it and the Blue C catches the ball.

(i)	What is the infringement?	Offside. Rule 9.7
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	Free Pass to the RED Team
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	Red team (opposing team) player allowed in the area
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	In the goal circle where the Blue WD went offside before tipping the ball

3. Blue GD stands out of Court behind the goal line bounding the Goal Circle. Red GA shoots, misses the goal and the Blue GD jumps to bat the ball and lands still behind the goal line. The ball is then caught by the GK in the Goal Circle.

(i)	What is the infringement?	Out of Court-Rule 8.3
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	Throw In
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	Member of opposing team allowed in area (Red GS/GA)
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	At the point behind the goal line where the Blue GD was standing out of Court

4. As the whistle is blown for a Red Centre Pass, the Red Centre steps into the Centre Circle but the front of her foot is across the line. She steps outside of the Centre Circle with her second foot as she passes the ball to her Red Wing Attack

(i)	What is the infringement?	Rule 8.2.1 Positioning of Players for Centre Pass
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	Free Pass
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	Any Blue Team player allowed in the area.
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	In the Centre Third at the point where the Centre had her foot outside the Centre Circle

5. While remaining in her correct Goal Third, the Red GK reaches to retrieve a loose ball which is in the Centre Third - and rolls it towards herself before gaining possession.

(i)	What is the infringement?	No Action
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken	

6. There is a stoppage for an injury to a Red player who quickly leaves the court. During the stoppage, the Blue Team make four changes and one substitution.

(i)	What is the infringement?	No Action
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	

7. Red GS, standing in the Goal Circle, catches a pass from her WA. Blue GK then hits the ball causing GS to drop it. The whistle to penalise is blown at the same time as the other umpire blows her whistle for the end of the quarter

(i)	What is the infringement?	Contact and Contest Rule 12 Conditions for a Penalty Pass Rule 7.1.3(iii)
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	Penalty Pass against GK
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	Red team player allowed in area
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	In the Goal Circle where the GK was standing unless this places the non-offending team at a disadvantage

8. The Blue GK deflects the ball which goes out of court on the goal line just outside the circle. Red WA, taking the Throw In from the correct position, places her left foot up to the line and as she goes to release the ball, she steps with her right foot behind the goal line bounding the goal circle.

(i)	What is the infringement?	Throw In Rule 8.4.1 (f)
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	Throw In
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in area
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken?	Where the Red WA placed her right foot behind the goal line bounding the goal circle

9. Blue WA tips the ball several times in an uncontrolled manner before directing it to the Blue GA.

(i)	What is the infringement?	No Action
(ii)	What sanction would you award?	
(iii)	Who is the sanction awarded to?	
(iv)	Where is the sanction taken	

Questions 10 – 12 require the learner to show knowledge of the rule book
Example: What may the GA or GS do if they win a Toss Up in the goal circle?

The GS or GA may either shoot for goal or pass

1 mark

10. According to the Contact and Contest Rule 12.1, what actions may be interpreted as Interference?

1. Physical contact using any part of the body to limit an opponent's ability to move freely (this includes, but not limited to, pushing, tripping, holding or leaning on an opponent.
2. Knocking or hitting a player including when shooting for goal.
3. Placing hands on the ball held by an opponent.
4. Hitting the ball held by an opponent or removing it from an opponent's possession.
5. While holding the ball, pushing it into an opponent

2 marks for 3 correct answers

11. When a player asks for time for an injured ankle on court, what are the expectations on the Umpire?

1. To hold time and ensure the stoppage time is only 30s
2. Ensure the injured player leaves the court safely
3. Only allow Primary carers on court to assess the severity of the injury
4. Ensure any substitutions and team changes that are made are within the time constraints of the stoppage
5. If no substitution is made for injured player and that player is the Centre, ensure that another player moves to fill that position
6. When the player is ready to retake the court, ensure that they return at the correct time within the game.

2 Marks for 3 correct answers

12. According to Rule 8.2.2 Controlling the Centre Pass: The Centre is in possession of the ball – what must she do once the whistle is blown?

1. Obey the Footwork Rule
2. Throw the ball within 3 seconds

2 Marks

SECTION 2

There are 8 questions in Section 2

Based on the situations given:-

Identify any infringements

Possible Actions and

Your reasoning behind your eventual conclusion

Example 1:

Red WA crosses into the goal circle in an attempt to get free of the Blue WD. At the same time the Blue GD intercepts a shot for goal by the Red GA. This is the second time that the Red WA has done this in the last five minutes.

Infringement	Offside and Game Management	1 mark
Possible Actions	Play Advantage or award a Free Pass to Blue team for offside or apply the Game Management Rule and caution the Red WA advising that the behaviour must change.	1 mark
Reasoning	Red WA is out of position and the Blue team are in possession of the ball, so the Blue team may have a clear opportunity to go on the attack. Red WA being offside may interfere with the other players in the goal circle and mean that the Blue team cannot get the ball out of the goal circle and therefore the Umpire may choose to penalise the offside. The Umpire may have to consider the action of the Red WA. If the offside is considered to be persistent then the Umpire would deal with this under game management and caution the Red WA advising that the behaviour must change.	2 marks

1. Blue WD enters the Red attacking Goal Circle in an attempt to catch the ball. She tips it and the Red GS standing close to the post catches the ball

Infringement	Rule 9.7 Offside
Possible Actions	Award a Free Pass to the Red team in the Goal Circle OR play Advantage
Reasoning	The Red team already has possession in the Goal Circle and if the GS is balance and ready to make a shot at goal, then you could play advantage. Consider if the Blue Wing Defence may interfere with the shooting or passing action of the GS before a decision is made. Consider if the GS with the ball is in a favourable position within the shooting circle rather than take the ball back out of the circle for the possible free pass.

2. Red GD is moving at speed and catches a high ball. She lands on her right foot in her own Goal Third, steps into the Centre Third on her left foot and releases the ball towards her GA. The Blue GD makes spectacular interception, landing just inside her own Goal Third.

Infringement	Passing Distances, Over a Third Rule 9.5.2
Possible Actions	Free Pass or Play Advantage
Reasoning	If Blue GD has caught the ball cleanly and comfortably, and is able to make a pass, and the rest of her team have reacted and are available to receive a pass, then probably play Advantage. Consider if you allow the free pass to be taken, how much court space the Blue team would gain and if this would have a positive impact on their ability to move the ball into their attack.

3. At the end of quarter time, the Umpires call the players to get on Court. All players take the court apart from the Red GK who is tying her shoelace. The Umpire blows the whistle to start play and the Centre releases the ball as the Red GK comes onto court.

Infringement	Late Arrival Rule 9.2
Possible actions	Hold time, request GK to leave the Court / the position to remain vacant until after a goal, injury, stoppage etc; Free Pass from where ball was when play stops
Reasoning	The Red GK was not on court when play started so must remain on the side line until after a goal or stoppage etc, then only after requesting to enter the court from the Umpire. Her playing position must remain vacant until she is allowed to enter the game. Even if the Centre Pass was taken by the Blue team, play has only just begun so very little advantage could be gained by allowing play to continue, so stopping the game and awarding a free pass to the Blue Team where the ball was when play was stopped, would allow the Umpire time to remove the offending GK from the court

4. Red WA passes the ball to the Red GS in the Goal Circle. Before the Red GS catches the ball, the Blue GK saves herself from falling by holding onto the goalpost.

Infringement	Playing the Ball Rule 9.4.1(vi)
Possible actions	Free Pass OR play Advantage
Reasoning	As the use of the goal post occurred before the GS caught the ball, then only a free pass could be awarded, so the umpire would need to see if the GS actually caught the ball cleanly, and was sufficiently skilful to potentially score from where she was standing. If so, then the Umpire should play advantage otherwise the GS would only be able to pass the ball. If the goal post has not moved, then the Umpire could play Advantage. However, if the goal post has moved, then the Umpire should stop play take time (indicating to the Timekeepers) Reset the goalpost, restart the game with a Free Pass to the Red team (indicate to Timekeepers)

5. From inside the Goal Third, Blue WA successfully passes the ball to her Blue GA who is in the same Goal Third. The Red WD strikes the arm of the Blue WA as the ball is released.

Infringement	Rule 12.1 Contact and Contest
Possible actions	Penalty Pass against Red WD or no action or play Advantage
Reasoning	The pass to the Blue GA was successful despite the contact by the Red WD. The umpire must consider where the Blue GA received the ball and if other players in her team are free to receive a pass. The umpire may play advantage or award a penalty pass against the Red WD, as this would give the Blue GA an opportunity to get into the Goal Circle. The decision would depend on where the Blue GA received the pass and the severity of the Contact. If the contact did not interfere then the umpire may take no action

6. With only one minute of play left and the scores tied, the Red GD is penalised for Contact in the Goal Circle. She angrily bounces the ball away and out of court and directs a verbal comment about the contact call at the umpire.

Infringement	Contact and Contest Rule 12.1 & Unfair Play (Delaying Play) -Rule 13.2.1(i) Foul Play Rule 13.2
Possible actions	Penalty Pass, Advance Penalty, Caution/warning to GD for comment Hold time
Reasoning	Red GD behaviour and comment towards the Umpire is unacceptable, so along with the Penalty Pass initially awarded to the Blue team, the player should receive either a caution or a warning, depending on her behaviour throughout the game. If the Umpire judges that the Red GD intended to Delay the game by throwing the ball away so close to the end of the match, then the Umpire may advance the Penalty if it does not disadvantage the Blue Team. HOLD TIME to retrieve the ball, speak to the GD, decide to advance the Penalty or not, set the Penalty, restart time by indicating to the Table.

7. An Umpire awards a Throw In to the Blue Team on that part of her side line bounding the Goal Third at the other end of the Court. A Red player on court obstructs the Throw In but the Blue GA, standing just outside the Goal Circle, is free to catch the ball.

Infringement	Obstruction-Rule 11.1
Possible actions	Penalty Pass to Blue Team for Obstruction OR Advantage
Reasoning	<p>The Umpire controlling the Throw In is responsible for making the decision whether to play advantage or penalise the Obstruction. The Red team player is obstructing but the Blue GA is free. The Umpire would assess the skill level of the player taking the Throw In and judge whether the Advantage could be used effectively, or if the pass would likely to be unsuccessful, therefore the penalty should be awarded.</p> <p>In this situation The Umpire would probably play advantage. The decision to play advantage must be made before the ball is released</p>

8. As Red WA receives the ball on the circle edge, she is contacted heavily by Blue GD. She is knocked off balance but manages to pass the ball to her GA who has landed inside the Goal Circle.

Infringement	Contact and Contest-Rule 12.2
Possible actions	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD OR play Advantage
Reasoning	<p>Although Red WA has managed to release the ball to her player who has landed inside the shooting circle, the Umpire needs to consider what might happen next. The Red WA may go Offside or she may interfere with the balance and the potential passing or shooting action of the GA. If so penalise Blue GD and award a Penalty Pass inside the circle. Also consider position of Red GA-is she in a good position to shoot or is she looking to pass to her GS or indeed the players around the circle edge. What is more advantageous to the Red team?</p>

END OF SECTION 2