



# 'A' AND 'B' UMPIRE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT SAMPLE PAPER 3 QUESTION AND ANSWER PAPER

(Rule numbers are included in the answers for  
information only)

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## Information and Instructions

Time: 2 hrs

This paper comprises Section 1 and Section 2:-

Section 1 has 12 questions

Section 2 has 8 questions

Pass Mark	A Award	B Award
	Section 1 – 35/39 (90%)	Section 1- 29/39 (74%)
	Section 2 – 47/60 (78%)	Section 2- 40/60 (67%)

Learners must pass in both Sections.

### General

- Learners are requested to use blue or black ink.
- Tippex or similar materials should not be used.
- Learners should not waste time on any question that they find difficult to answer and should return to that question at a later stage.
- Please note in both Sections-
  - Learners are **not** required to quote Rule numbers, but they should name the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading, for example:
    - Playing the ball and Prohibited Actions
    - Passing Distances and Short pass
    - Offside and Requirements
    - Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball
    - Contact and Interference
    - Foul Play and Unfair play
  - Assume that the teams involved are Red and Blue throughout this paper.
  - Answer all questions in the space provided. If there is not sufficient space, then continue on a separate piece of paper, which should be clearly marked with the Section number, the question number and the learner's name.
  - This paper is written using the **World Netball Rules of Netball 2024** and does not take into account any local league or country rule adaptations. Learners should only consider what is stated in the World Netball Rules Book 2024.

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# SECTION 1

**This Section contains 12 questions. There are only 3 No Action Questions.**

Learners are required to write:-

- The infringement-the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- The sanction/action awarded ie Penalty Pass, Free Pass, Throw In etc. For a penalty pass, learners must name the player (team and position) against whom the sanction is awarded.
- To whom the Sanction is awarded
- Where the Sanction is taken from-note it is not sufficient to just answer 'Where the infringement occurred'.

**Example 1:**

Red GS has possession of the ball in the goal circle and is about to shoot for goal. Just before the shot, Blue GD hits the ball and this causes the Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1  <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against the Blue GD  <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area  <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In goal circle where the Blue GD was standing when she contacted the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GS was standing  <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>

**Example 2:**

If the answer to a question is No Action – insert 'No Action' only

Blue WA has the ball in the Centre Third and the Red WD attempts to defend from behind and they are 0.9m (3 feet) away from their opponent.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 16.1  <div style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</div>
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action	

awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

## SECTION 1 QUESTIONS

1. At a centre pass, Red C steps into the centre circle on their left foot, then steps forward onto their right foot outside of the circle. Fractionally before the Umpire blows the whistle, the Red C lifts their left foot.

What is the Infringement?	Centre Pass and Position of Players Rule 8.8
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue Team Player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside of the centre circle

2. Blue WA has possession of the ball near the edge of the goal circle. Blue GA is positioned very close to them inside the goal circle. Blue WA passes the ball to Blue GA, but there is not sufficient space for an opposing player to be able to deflect or intercept the ball as it moves from Blue WA's hands to the hands of Blue GA.

What is the Infringement?	Passing Distances and Short Pass Rule 12.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside the goal circle at the point where the Blue GA caught or received the ball

3. In an attempt to take possession of the ball, Red WA trips and uses the ball to balance on the ground. Red WA's feet are grounded in the Goal Third but the ball they are leaning on is positioned on the ground inside the Goal Circle.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 14.3
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

4. Red GS takes possession of the ball close to the goal post. Blue GK is standing behind Red GS attempting to defend with their hand over the ball. They are not breaking the Obstruction rule. As Red GS prepares to shoot, Blue GK brings their hand down onto the ball, which causes Red GS to drop the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 c.
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue GK
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue GK was standing in the goal circle when they contacted the ball, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red GS was standing

5. From a position just outside of the goal circle, Blue WA attempts to pass the ball to Blue GA who is standing under the post. Blue GA fails to catch the ball and it is caught by the Red GD who is positioned in the court surround near to the goal post.

What is the Infringement?	Out of Court and Ball Out of Court Rule 15.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Throw In
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red Team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Out of court, behind the goal line, in line with where the Red GD caught the ball

6. Red C catches the ball in their defending goal third. They make a pass to Red GA, who jumps from the Red Team attacking goal third, catches the ball in the air and lands in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 12.4 b.
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

7. Red WD enters the Blue attacking goal circle in an attempt to catch the ball. They tip the ball and Red C catches the ball.

What is the Infringement?	Offside and Requirements Rule 14.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Inside the Goal Circle where Red WD entered the Blue attacking goal circle

8. Blue WD requests the umpire holds time for an injury. When the umpire asks 'Why'? Blue WD responds "I have injured my ankle". Blue WD leaves the court with the Blue Team opting to leave the WD position vacant. Play restarts.

What is the Infringement?	No Action Rule 10.9 &10.20
What sanction/action would you award?	
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	
Where is the sanction/action taken?	

9. Red WA passes the ball to Red C. Blue WD takes up a defending position marking with their arms up but from the correct distance. Just before Red C attempts to pass the ball, Blue WD over-balances and steps forward toward Red C and lands within 0.9 m (3 ft) of Red C. Blue WD still has their hands up defending.

What is the Infringement?	Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball Rule 16.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Penalty Pass against Blue WD
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Red team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Blue WD was standing when they obstructed Red C, unless places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty will be taken where the Red C was standing

10. Red WA catches the ball in the air and lands on their left foot. Red WA steps forward onto their right foot and lifts their left foot. Whilst looking for the next pass, they hop on their right foot before releasing the ball to pass.

What is the Infringement?	Footwork and Other Foot Movements Rule 13.1
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Where Red WA was standing when they hopped whilst in possession of the ball

11. Red GK is taking a goal line throw in. They attempt to pass the ball to the Red WD but the ball passes over the WD's head, bounces in the goal third and is caught by the Red WA close to the Transverse Line in the centre third.

What is the Infringement?	Passing Distances and Over a Third Rule 12.3
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	In the centre third by the transverse line where the ball first entered the third incorrectly

12. Red GS jumps and catches the ball in the air. They land with their front foot inside the goal circle and their back foot in the goal third. They lift their back foot and shoot for goal.

What is the Infringement?	Scoring a Goal and Taking a shot Rule 9.6 a.
What sanction/action would you award?	Free Pass
Who is the sanction/action awarded to?	Blue team player allowed in the area
Where is the sanction/action taken?	Outside of the goal circle where Red GS's back foot made physical contact with the ground outside the goal circle



## SECTION 2 QUESTIONS

**This section contains 8 questions**

Based on the situations given:-

- Identify the Rule/s infringed, using the relevant Rule Name and the relevant Rule Heading (e.g. Out of court and Ball out of court, Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball). Rule numbers are not required.
- Possible Decision/s ie Penalise Contact, Obstruction, Play Advantage, Hold Time, Send the player from the court, Penalise Footwork etc.
- Your Application/Reasoning ie the steps you would take to deal with the scenario
- For Game Management scenarios, assume it is the first time a Game Management issue has occurred, unless otherwise stated in the question.

**Example:**

At a goal line throw in, Red GK attempts to pass to Red C, who is unmarked outside the goal circle. At the same time, Blue GS contacts the arm of Red GK. Red C catches the ball.

Rule/s	Contact and Interference Rule 17.1 <span style="float: right;">(1 Mark)</span>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Contact or Play Advantage <span style="float: right;">(2 Marks)</span>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Contact rule has been infringed as Blue GS contacted Red GK. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle using the relevant hand signal to penalise Contact. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Blue GS was standing when they contacted Red GK, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Red GK was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Red team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Red C) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Contact GS' and signal using the relevant hand signal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

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1. In a closely contested match Red GD contacts Blue GA inside the goal circle. Blue GA stumbles backwards into the court surround.

Rule/s	<p>Contact and Interference Rule 17.1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Contact</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>Red GD has infringed the contact rule. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Contact using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to a Blue team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red GD contacted Blue GA, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Blue GA was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

2. Blue C and Red WA who are both in the centre third are running towards the Blue team attacking goal third to intercept a loose ball. Blue C takes possession of the ball first just inside the Blue team attacking goal third. Blue C sees Blue GS who is unmarked under the post and makes a pass to them. At the same time, Red WA over-balances and steps into the Blue team attacking goal third.

Rule/s	Offside Rule 14.1 (1 Mark)
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Offside or Play Advantage. (2 Marks)
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Offside rule has been infringed as Red WA has entered the Blue team goal third. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle to penalise Offside using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to the Blue team. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Red WA entered Blue team goal third. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may consider playing advantage as the Blue team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling 'Advantage Offside WA' and signal using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(6 Marks)</p>

3. Whilst standing in their defending goal third Red GD is passed the ball. The Red GD bats the ball and runs forward into centre third. They bounce the ball and then catch it.

Rule/s	Playing the Ball and Without having Possession Rule 11.7  <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Replayed ball  <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>Red GD has infringed the playing the ball rule as they have batted the ball, then bounced the ball and then caught it. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise replayed ball using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Blue Team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is positioned where Red GD was standing when they caught the ball. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

4. Blue GD is standing in their defensive goal third and passes the ball to Blue WA who is standing in the centre third. Blue WA jumps to catch the ball and lands on two feet simultaneously. They then step forward onto their left foot and lift their right foot. Just before they release the ball, Blue WA steps forward and grounds their right foot.

Rule/s	<p>Footwork and Two-foot landing</p> <p>Rule 13.2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Penalise Footwork</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The footwork rule has been infringed by Blue WA when they grounded their right foot. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would blow the whistle to penalise Footwork using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A free pass is awarded to a Red team player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The free pass is taken where Blue WA was standing when they grounded their right foot. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(4 Marks)</p>

5. Blue WA takes possession of the ball in the air and lands in their attacking goal third. Red GD is out of the circle and marks the Blue WA from a position of less than 3 ft (0.9 m) away. Blue GS is unmarked under the goal post in a good position to shoot.

Rule/s	Obstruction and Player in possession of the ball Rule 16.1  <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	Penalise Obstruction or Play Advantage  <p style="text-align: right;">(2 Marks)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The Obstruction rule has been infringed as Red GD is defending Blue WA from a distance of less than 0.9 m (3 ft). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire could blow the whistle to penalise Obstruction using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>A penalty pass is awarded to the Blue Team to be taken by a player allowed in the area. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The penalty pass is taken where Red GD was standing when they obstructed Blue WA, unless this places the non-infringing team at a disadvantage, in which case the penalty is taken where the Blue WA was standing. (1 Mark)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>The umpire may also consider playing Advantage as the Blue Team have possession of the ball. The umpire would need to assess the position of all players (particularly Blue GS) and decide whether the advantage may be possible. (Must consider where other players are for the mark). (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire would indicate advantage by calling ‘Advantage Obstruction GD’ using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(5 Marks)</p>

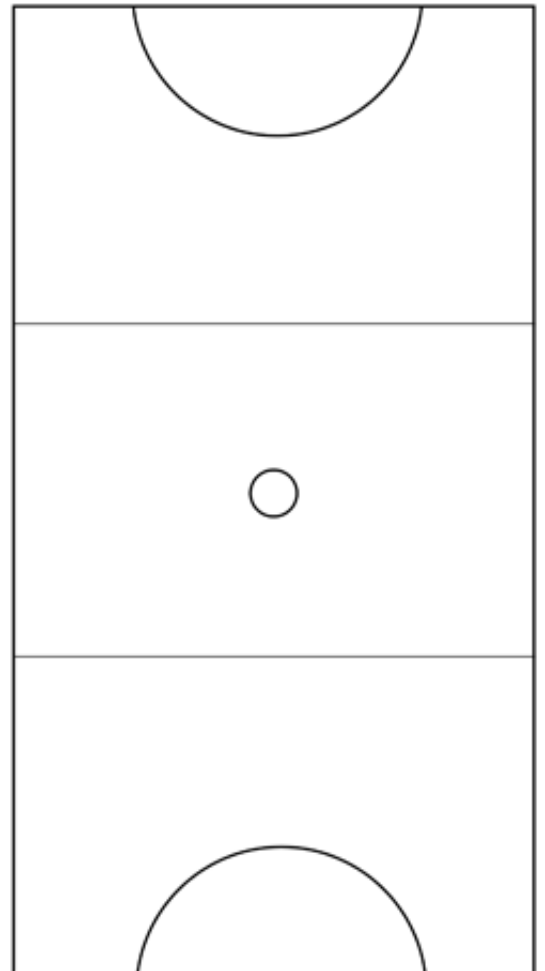
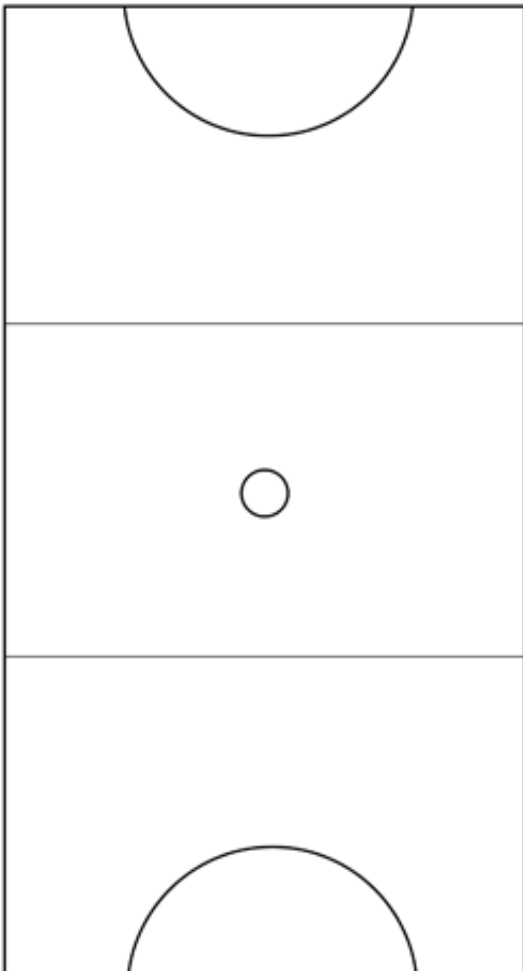
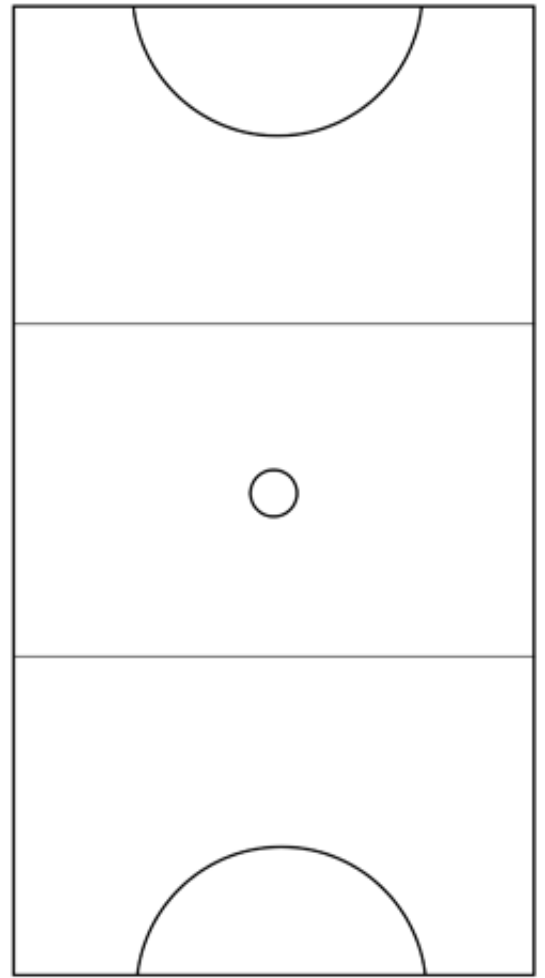
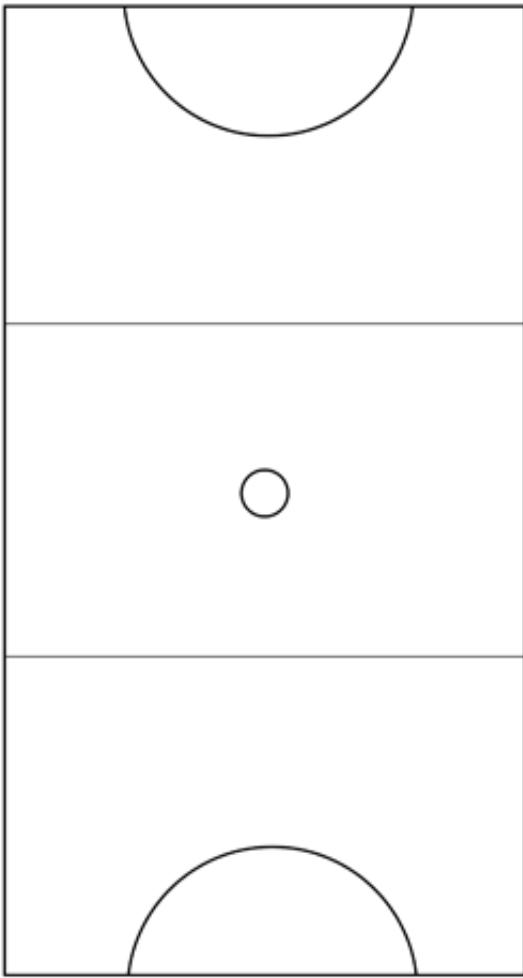






8. During Q2 Red GK is taking a goal line throw in when the umpire notices Red WD is actively bleeding from a cut on their arm.

Rule/s	<p>Stoppages and Injury/Illness of a player or Blood</p> <p>Rule 10.12</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Possible Decision/s	<p>Hold Time</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1 Mark)</p>
Application/ Reasoning	<p>The umpire blows the whistle to hold time using the relevant hand signal. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpire advises the Red WD to leave the court within 30 seconds for treatment and have any blood-stained clothing cleaned or replaced. (1 Mark).</p> <p>Substitutions and team changes are allowed by both teams within the time allowed for the stoppage. (1 Mark)</p> <p>If there is blood on the ball, it must be swapped and any blood on the court must be cleaned before play restarts. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The umpires need to check if any other player has blood on them. If they do, they must leave the court and clean or remove any blood-stained clothing. They are permitted to return to court before play restarts. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The player for whom play stopped (Red WD) must remain off court when play restarts. (1 mark)</p> <p>If no substitution is made for the player (Red WD) who was bleeding then play will resume with the position left vacant. (1 Mark)</p> <p>The Umpire will restart play with a whistle and using the relevant hand signal, with the Red Team in possession where the ball was when play was stopped. (1 Mark).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(8 Marks)</p>



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