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QUESTION NO: 1

Which of the following is an ethical technique certified personal trainers (CPT) use to motivate clients?

A. Create enthusiasm

B. Offer bribes

C. Withhold feedback

D. Reverse psychology

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Create enthusiasm is an ethical and effective way for a certified personal trainer to motivate a client. A trainer can foster enthusiasm by communicating genuine encouragement, recognizing progress, helping the client identify meaningful goals, and designing appropriately challenging, enjoyable exercise experiences. This approach supports client autonomy and self-efficacy: clients are more likely to sustain exercise participation when they feel capable, supported, and connected to personally relevant outcomes. Enthusiasm should be authentic rather than performative. For example, a CPT may celebrate a client's improved movement quality, consistency, or confidence while also reinforcing how those changes relate to the client's stated goals. The trainer's professional role includes building a positive, respectful relationship and using communication that promotes adherence without manipulation or coercion. This aligns with NASM's emphasis on professionalism, client-centered coaching, and maintaining appropriate professional conduct. It also reflects the broader evidence base for supporting autonomous motivation in physical-activity settings, where encouragement and competence-building feedback can improve engagement and persistence. See the NASM Standards of Practice and the self-determination theory review of exercise motivation.

QUESTION NO: 2

A trainer is working with a new client who wants to lose 20 lb in 30 days. Which of the following actions should the trainer take first?

A. Create a metabolic workout program.

B. Create a negative calorie balance.

C. Create realistic expectations.

D. Create small goal milestones.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Create realistic expectations. This is the appropriate first action because the client's requested rate of loss—20 lb in 30 days—is extreme and generally inconsistent with safe, sustainable weight-management practice. A personal trainer should begin by building rapport, clarifying the client's motivation and current behaviors, and helping the client establish an achievable outcome expectation within the scope of practice. This includes explaining that meaningful body-composition change usually requires a gradual, consistent approach rather than an aggressive short-term target.

NASM's behavior-change approach emphasizes collaboratively setting realistic, measurable goals that support adherence and long-term success. Establishing an appropriate expectation first provides the foundation for later steps such as identifying manageable milestones and designing exercise programming. It also helps the trainer avoid promising a result that may be unsafe or unattainable. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that gradual, steady weight loss—about 1 to 2 lb per week—is more likely to be maintained than rapid loss. Nutrition-specific calorie prescriptions should be addressed by an appropriately qualified nutrition professional when needed. See NASM's guidance on weight loss and the CDC's information on losing weight.

QUESTION NO: 3

Which of the following is included in lipids?

A. Glycine

B. Amino acids

C. Triglycerides

D. Polysaccharides

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Triglycerides are included in the lipid class of nutrients. Lipids encompass triglycerides, phospholipids, and sterols; although they are often called “fats,” the category includes compounds with important structural and regulatory functions as well as stored energy. A triglyceride is formed from one glycerol molecule attached to three fatty acids. It is the body’s principal form of stored fat, held largely in adipose tissue, and it provides a concentrated energy reserve. Lipids yield approximately 9 kcal per gram, making triglycerides especially useful as a fuel source during lower-intensity and longer-duration activity, while also helping meet energy needs between meals. Dietary triglycerides are digested into fatty acids and monoglycerides, absorbed, and then transported or stored according to the body’s energy demands. This classification is consistent with foundational nutrition guidance: the National Academies identifies triglycerides as the predominant dietary lipids and describes their role in energy provision and storage. See the National Academies’ Dietary Reference Intakes discussion of fats and the NCBI overview of lipid metabolism.

QUESTION NO: 4

During a single-leg squat assessment, a client's knee moves inward. Which of the following muscles should the client strengthen?

A. Adductor complex

B. VMO

C. TFL

D. Biceps femoris

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

VMO is the best answer because inward movement of the knee during a single-leg squat reflects excessive knee valgus and inadequate control of knee alignment in the frontal plane. The vastus medialis oblique is the oblique distal portion of the quadriceps that contributes to medial patellar stabilization and helps support appropriate patellofemoral tracking as the knee flexes and extends. Improving its strength and neuromuscular control can therefore help the client better maintain knee alignment during unilateral lower-body movement. In NASM corrective-exercise reasoning, a knee that collapses inward is addressed by improving activation and strengthening of underactive stabilizers, including the VMO, while integrating this control into progressively more functional movements. This should be paired in practice with coaching that promotes controlled hip, knee, and foot alignment throughout the squat. NASM’s Certified Personal Trainer curriculum emphasizes using movement assessments to identify compensations and select appropriate corrective exercise strategies; see the NASM Certified Personal Trainer program. The VMO’s role in patellar stabilization and patellofemoral mechanics is also discussed in clinical literature, including this PubMed-indexed review.

QUESTION NO: 5

Which type of joint only permits flexion or extension?

A. Hinge

B. Saddle

C. Ball-and-socket

D. Condyloid

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Hinge is correct. A hinge joint is a uniaxial synovial joint, meaning its primary movement occurs around one axis and in one plane. Its structure allows the bones to move mainly back and forth, producing flexion (decreasing the angle between adjacent body segments) and extension (increasing that angle). Common fitness-relevant examples include the elbow and the interphalangeal joints of the fingers and toes. At the knee, the hinge-joint classification is often described as modified because small accessory motions can occur when the joint is flexed; however, its principal functional actions remain flexion and extension. Understanding joint type and available motion helps a personal trainer select exercises that respect normal joint mechanics and coach movement safely. NASM's movement and exercise-science content commonly classifies joints according to the motions they permit, with hinge joints identified by their flexion-extension function. For an anatomy reference on synovial-joint classifications and hinge-joint motion, see OpenStax Anatomy & Physiology: Synovial Joints. The NCBI StatPearls overview of synovial joints also describes hinge joints as uniaxial joints that permit flexion and extension.

QUESTION NO: 6

The knee is classified as which of the following joints?

A. Hinge

B. Pivot

C. Gliding

D. Ball and socket

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The correct answer is **Hinge**. The knee is a synovial joint primarily designed to permit flexion and extension: bending the knee decreases the angle between the thigh and lower leg, while extending it straightens the leg. This predominant movement pattern is characteristic of a hinge joint and supports essential activities such as walking, squatting, climbing stairs, and jumping. More specifically, the tibiofemoral portion of the knee is often described anatomically as a modified hinge joint because a small amount of rotation and gliding can occur, particularly when the knee is flexed. However, in foundational exercise-science and NASM terminology, its primary joint classification is a hinge joint. The knee also includes the patellofemoral articulation, where the patella tracks along the femur during knee motion; this does not change the standard classification used for the knee in basic joint-type questions. Knowing that the knee is a hinge joint helps fitness professionals select and coach movements that respect its main plane of motion, especially sagittal-plane flexion and extension. See OpenStax: Synovial Joints and NCBI Bookshelf: Knee Joint.

QUESTION NO: 7

The MOST valuable evaluation tool to a personal trainer for a weight loss client is

A. Body composition test

B. Strength test

C. Muscular test

D. Cardiovascular test

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Body composition test is the most valuable evaluation tool because a weight-loss client's primary goal is typically to reduce body fat while preserving, or ideally improving, lean body mass. Body weight alone cannot distinguish whether a change comes from fat mass, muscle mass, body water, or other tissues. A body-composition assessment gives the trainer a more meaningful baseline and allows progress to be monitored in a way that aligns with healthy, sustainable changes in physique and health status. Repeated measurements can help the trainer evaluate whether the nutrition, activity, and exercise program is producing the intended trend in body-fat percentage, fat mass, and lean mass, then adjust programming appropriately within the trainer's scope of practice. NASM identifies body composition as a core component of the fitness assessment process and emphasizes using assessment findings to guide individualized program design. Common field methods include skinfold measurements, circumference measures, and bioelectrical impedance, with consistent testing conditions and the same method improving the usefulness of follow-up comparisons. See NASM's overview of body-composition assessment and the CDC's information on healthy weight.

QUESTION NO: 8

A client has established adequate strength, stabilization, and landing mechanics and is progressing into power training. Which pairing BEST follows the power-training method used in Phase 5 of the OPT model?

A. Heavy barbell bench press followed by a medicine-ball chest pass

B. Heavy barbell bench press followed by a seated cable row

C. Medicine-ball chest pass followed by a long-duration plank

D. Heavy barbell bench press followed by static chest stretching

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

A heavy barbell bench press followed by a medicine-ball chest pass is the best pairing because Phase 5 uses a strength exercise followed by a biomechanically similar explosive power exercise. The bench press develops maximal force production, and the chest pass applies a similar upper-body pushing pattern at high velocity. Pairing unrelated movement patterns would reduce specificity, while performing only heavy strength work would not directly train the rapid force production that defines power.

QUESTION NO: 9

Which one of the following muscles is involved in core stability?

A. Flexor digitorum longus

B. Masseter

C. Sternocleidomastoid

D. Psoas

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

The correct answer is **Psoas**. More specifically, the psoas major is a deep muscle that connects the lumbar spine to the femur. Although it is widely recognized for its role in hip flexion, its attachments to the lumbar vertebrae mean it also contributes to lumbopelvic control and spinal stability, particularly during functional movements involving the trunk and lower extremities. NASM describes the core as an integrated system that includes muscles of the lumbo-pelvic-hip complex; this system stabilizes the spine and pelvis while allowing efficient movement at the hips and extremities. Within this framework,

the psoas participates in maintaining control of the lumbar spine and pelvis when appropriately coordinated with the other core musculature. Core stability is therefore not limited to the superficial abdominal muscles; it depends on coordinated activation of local and global muscles that manage motion and force through the trunk, pelvis, and hips. The psoas is clinically and functionally relevant because altered length, stiffness, or motor control in this muscle can influence lumbo-pelvic mechanics. For an overview of the psoas major's anatomy and actions, see StatPearls: Psoas Major. NASM's description of integrated core training principles is available through the NASM Continuing Education resources.

QUESTION NO: 10

Which proprioceptor, located within a muscle, functions to reduce the risk of injury to the muscle?

A. Golgi tendon organ

B. Stretch receptor

C. Semicircular canal

D. Nociceptor

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Stretch receptor is correct because this description refers to the muscle spindle, a proprioceptor embedded within skeletal muscle fibers. Muscle spindles continuously detect changes in muscle length and, especially, the rate at which that length changes. When a muscle is stretched too rapidly or too far, spindle sensory input initiates the stretch reflex. This response increases activation of the stretched muscle, helping it resist excessive lengthening and thereby limiting the likelihood of a strain or other injury associated with overstretching.

In NASM exercise science, this protective role is central to understanding neuromuscular control during movement, flexibility work, and corrective exercise. Muscle spindles supply the central nervous system with rapid information about muscle length, allowing the body to make immediate adjustments to maintain joint stability and safe movement. Their location within the muscle is the key anatomical clue in the question. For a detailed overview of muscle-spindle structure and reflex function, see StatPearls: Neuroanatomy, Muscle Spindle. Additional background on proprioception and its sensory receptors is available from NCBI Bookshelf: Neuroscience, Proprioception.

QUESTION NO: 11

The connection point for a muscle group to a bone is called?

A. Bifurcation

B. Insertion

C. Interconnection

D. Transfer

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Insertion is correct because it describes a muscle's attachment point on the bone that typically moves when the muscle contracts. Skeletal muscles transmit force to bones through connective-tissue structures, usually tendons. In anatomical terminology, a muscle has attachment sites commonly described as an origin and an insertion. The insertion is generally the more movable or distal attachment and is the point toward which the muscle pulls during contraction. This distinction helps personal trainers understand how a muscle action creates joint motion. For example, when a muscle contracts, its insertion is drawn toward its relatively stable attachment, contributing to movements such as flexion, extension, rotation, or abduction depending on the muscle's line of pull and the joint involved. Although attachment terminology can vary in complex movements because either end may be stabilized, "insertion" is the standard term used for the muscle-to-bone attachment

site associated with the moving segment in foundational anatomy and NASM-based exercise science. For further anatomical context, see OpenStax Anatomy and Physiology: Naming Skeletal Muscles and NCBI Bookshelf: Anatomy, Skeletal Muscle.

QUESTION NO: 12

When progressing a general fitness client through a session, which of the following BEST measures exercise intensity?

A. Blood pressure

B. Heart rate

C. VO_2 Max

D. Level of perspiration

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Heart rate is the best measure of exercise intensity for progressing a general-fitness client during a training session because it provides an immediate, objective indication of the body's cardiovascular response to the work being performed. NASM uses heart-rate-based methods, including percentage of maximum heart rate and heart rate reserve, to establish and monitor appropriate aerobic training zones. A trainer can measure heart rate manually or with a validated monitor, then adjust speed, resistance, incline, work interval duration, or recovery as needed to keep the client within the intended intensity range. This makes heart rate especially practical for real-time session progression and for maintaining safe, individualized workloads. Heart rate should be interpreted in context, as factors such as medication, heat, hydration, stress, and fatigue can affect the response; however, it remains a widely applicable field measure for most general-fitness clients. The American College of Sports Medicine describes exercise intensity as commonly prescribed using heart-rate measures, including percentages of maximal heart rate or heart rate reserve. See the ACSM physical activity guidelines and the CDC guide to measuring physical activity intensity.

QUESTION NO: 13

During a single-leg squat assessment, a client's knee moves inward relative to the foot. Which muscle should the trainer MOST likely emphasize during activation training?

A. Gluteus medius

B. Adductor magnus

C. Tensor fasciae latae

D. Vastus lateralis

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The gluteus medius should be emphasized because it contributes to frontal-plane hip stabilization and helps control femoral adduction and internal rotation during single-leg movement. Knee movement inward relative to the foot is commonly associated with insufficient control from the gluteal complex, particularly the gluteus medius. The trainer should confirm the finding through the complete assessment and then use appropriate activation and integrated exercises rather than relying on one exercise alone.

QUESTION NO: 14

Which of the following statements best describes a characteristic of zone two of stage training?

A. "This zone requires individuals to train near their anaerobic threshold."

B. "The heart rate consists of 86 to 90 percent of the predicted maximum heart rate."

C. "This zone is a true high-intensity workout and cannot be sustained for long periods of time."

D. "This zone is a recovery zone."

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

“This zone requires individuals to train near their anaerobic threshold.” correctly describes zone two in NASM’s cardiorespiratory stage-training model. Zone two is used during Stage II training, after a client has developed an appropriate aerobic base in the lower-intensity zone. Its intensity range is generally 76–85% of predicted maximal heart rate, which places the client near the anaerobic threshold: the point at which exercise intensity increasingly relies on anaerobic energy production and fatigue-related metabolites accumulate more rapidly. Training close to this threshold helps improve the client’s capacity to tolerate and sustain more demanding aerobic work. NASM programming uses interval structures during this stage, alternating efforts in zone two with recovery periods in zone one. This supports progressive cardiorespiratory adaptation while allowing the client to recover sufficiently to repeat quality work intervals. The zone-two workload should be selected and monitored according to the client’s current fitness level, health status, and ability to maintain sound technique. NASM’s overview of cardiorespiratory training principles is available at NASM Blog: Cardiorespiratory Training for Health and Performance. General intensity-monitoring guidance using heart rate is also provided by the American Heart Association target heart-rate resource.

QUESTION NO: 15

A client has been engaged in a comprehensive aerobic training program for six months and has improved their cardiorespiratory fitness. Over this period, which of the following variables is LEAST likely to have changed as a direct result of the client's aerobic training?

A. Systolic blood pressure

B. Resting heart rate

C. Maximal heart rate

D. VO2 Max

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Maximal heart rate is least likely to change as a direct result of six months of aerobic training. Maximal heart rate is primarily determined by age and individual physiology, and it generally declines gradually over time rather than increasing or decreasing meaningfully because a person becomes aerobically trained. Although testing conditions, effort, medications, or measurement variation can affect an observed maximal heart-rate value, endurance training itself does not produce a reliable training-related change in this variable. In contrast, aerobic conditioning improves the body’s ability to transport and use oxygen during exercise, while cardiovascular efficiency adaptations support a lower heart rate at rest and can support favorable blood-pressure changes. NASM programming uses maximal heart rate chiefly as a reference point for establishing exercise intensity zones; it should not be treated as a principal adaptation expected from aerobic training. The American Heart Association also notes that maximum heart rate is age-related and is commonly estimated using an age-predicted equation, reinforcing that it is not primarily a reflection of fitness level. See the American Heart Association’s target heart-rate guidance and the CDC overview of physical-activity benefits.

QUESTION NO: 16

What is the second stage of the aerobic progression model?

A. Preparation conditioning

B. Initial conditioning

C. Improvement conditioning

D. Maintenance conditioning

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Improvement conditioning is the second stage of the aerobic progression model. Following the initial conditioning period, this stage is designed to progressively increase cardiorespiratory fitness through appropriate increases in exercise frequency, intensity, and/or duration. The client has developed a foundational tolerance for regular aerobic activity and can now be progressed systematically toward improved aerobic capacity, provided recovery, health status, and exercise responses remain appropriate. NASM programming emphasizes using an individualized, gradual progression rather than increasing all training variables at once; this supports continued adaptation while helping manage excessive fatigue and injury risk. The improvement-conditioning stage therefore represents the period in which structured aerobic training is advanced to create meaningful fitness gains before the client eventually transitions to a level intended to sustain those gains. This sequence is consistent with established exercise-programming guidance that distinguishes an initial adaptation period from a subsequent improvement phase and a longer-term maintenance phase. See NASM's overview of its Certified Personal Trainer curriculum at NASM Certified Personal Trainer and the American College of Sports Medicine's exercise guidelines resources at ACSM Physical Activity Guidelines.

QUESTION NO: 17

As the contraction against a resistance increases, more and more motor units come into play. This is described as

A. Myofibril failure

B. Mitochondrial failure

C. Motor unit interruption

D. Motor unit recruitment

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Motor unit recruitment is the progressive activation of additional motor units as the force requirement of a muscular contraction rises. A motor unit consists of a motor neuron and all the muscle fibers it innervates. When resistance or intended force increases, the nervous system recruits more motor units so that a greater number of muscle fibers can contribute to producing tension. This process generally follows the size principle: lower-threshold motor units, which tend to innervate fatigue-resistant fibers, are activated first; as demand continues to rise, higher-threshold motor units are brought in to provide greater force. In resistance training, this is why heavier loads, high-effort repetitions, and fatigue can require involvement of more available motor units. Motor unit recruitment is a fundamental neuromuscular mechanism underlying force production and is an important concept in NASM's discussion of muscular strength and performance adaptation. For further background, see the NCBI Bookshelf overview of motor units and the NCBI Bookshelf discussion of the size principle.

QUESTION NO: 18

Which of the following is the MOST crucial for an emergency situation?

A. An emergency medical plan that includes proper response training

B. 20%

C. 22%

D. 25%

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

An emergency medical plan that includes proper response training is most crucial because it establishes a prepared, coordinated response before an emergency occurs. In a fitness setting, an effective emergency plan identifies how staff will recognize an emergency, activate emergency medical services, contact the facility's designated responders, access emergency equipment such as an automated external defibrillator, and direct responders to the participant. Proper response training ensures that personnel can carry out those responsibilities promptly and confidently rather than improvising under pressure. This preparation is especially important because the first few minutes of a serious medical event can be critical to outcomes. A written plan also supports clear communication, defined staff roles, and routine practice of procedures, helping the facility respond consistently when a client, member, employee, or visitor needs urgent care. OSHA describes emergency action plans as procedures for reporting emergencies, evacuating or accounting for people when needed, and assigning employee responsibilities; these are core elements of organized emergency preparedness. The American Heart Association also emphasizes rapid recognition, emergency activation, CPR, and defibrillation as essential links in an effective emergency response. See OSHA's Emergency Action Plan guidance and the American Heart Association's CPR facts and resources.

QUESTION NO: 19

A trainer is working with a client who is obese. If the trainer is unable to assess the intensity via the client's heart rate, which of the following should the trainer use to determine exertion?

A. Karvonen method

B. Talk test

C. Rockport walk test

D. YMCA 3-minute step test

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

The **Talk test** is the appropriate method for determining exertion when heart rate cannot be assessed. It is a practical, noninvasive way to monitor exercise intensity in real time by observing the client's ability to speak while exercising. At a manageable, moderate intensity, the client should generally be able to carry on a conversation, although breathing will be elevated. As intensity approaches a vigorous level, speaking in full sentences becomes increasingly difficult. This makes the talk test especially useful for clients whose heart-rate response may be difficult to obtain or interpret during activity, including situations in which a reliable monitor reading is unavailable. It also allows the trainer to adjust workload immediately based on the client's observable response, supporting an appropriately individualized exercise intensity. The talk test has been recognized as a valid subjective approach to exercise-intensity monitoring and corresponds broadly with ventilatory thresholds. The American College of Sports Medicine includes the talk test among practical methods for monitoring intensity, alongside ratings of perceived exertion. See the ACSM physical activity guidelines and the CDC guidance on measuring physical activity intensity.

QUESTION NO: 20

A trainer is observing a client perform a deadlift. Which of the following cues should the trainer provide?

A. "Arch your back."

B. "Let your chest fall forward to round the spine."

C. "Keep your spine neutral."

D. "Start with your back rounded and arch as you lift."

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

“Keep your spine neutral.” is the appropriate cue because the deadlift is fundamentally a hip-hinge movement requiring the client to maintain lumbopelvic-hip complex stability while the hips and knees produce the motion. A neutral spinal position supports effective bracing by the local and global core musculature, including the transversus abdominis, obliques, erector spinae, and multifidus. This bracing helps the trunk resist unwanted flexion, extension, or rotation as the external load moves through the lifting range of motion.

With the spine held neutral, the client can load the posterior-chain muscles—particularly the gluteal complex and hamstrings—during the lowering phase and then extend the hips to stand. The trainer should pair this cue with observation of the client’s ability to maintain alignment throughout the lift, rather than simply achieving a particular chest or back position. NASM’s movement framework emphasizes stabilization and appropriate alignment as essential components of safe, efficient integrated movement. Neutral-spine positioning during a loaded hip hinge is therefore a key coaching priority for both exercise performance and injury-risk management. See NASM’s Optimum Performance Training Model overview and the NASM CPT Study Guide.

QUESTION NO: 21

Body weight alone does not distinguish between which of the following body composition factors?

A. Lean mass and bone mass

B. Lean mass and water mass

C. Fat mass and lean mass

D. Fat mass and water mass

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Fat mass and lean mass is correct because scale weight represents total body mass, not the relative amounts of the tissues that make up that mass. Two clients can have exactly the same body weight while having substantially different body compositions: one may carry a higher proportion of adipose tissue (fat mass), while the other has more fat-free or lean tissue, including muscle, body water, bone, and organs. This distinction is important in personal training because positive changes in health, performance, and physique may occur without a major change on the scale. For example, a client who gains lean mass while losing fat mass may maintain a similar body weight even as body composition improves. NASM therefore emphasizes using body-composition assessments alongside body weight when establishing baselines, monitoring progress, and guiding programming decisions. Appropriate assessments can estimate body-fat percentage and help identify whether changes in body weight likely reflect changes in fat mass, lean mass, or both. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also notes that body mass index and weight are screening measures and do not directly measure body fatness or distinguish body-composition components. See the CDC overview of BMI and the National Academies discussion of body-composition assessment.

QUESTION NO: 22

When a client performs a rotation chest pass, what is the proper position for the pivoting back leg?

A. Hyperextension

B. Triple extension

C. Triple flexion

D. Dorsiflexion

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Triple extension is correct because the pivoting back leg is the principal lower-body force producer during a rotation chest pass. As the client turns toward the target and transfers weight forward, the hip, knee, and ankle of the back leg extend in a coordinated sequence. This action drives force from the ground upward, helping create the rotational power that is transferred through the pelvis and trunk, then through the arms and into the medicine ball. Efficient power exercises use this linked, whole-body sequence rather than relying primarily on the shoulders or arms. In NASM movement terminology, triple extension describes simultaneous extension at the ankle, knee, and hip, a key pattern for producing force rapidly in athletic movements. Maintaining this position in the pivoting leg also supports a controlled weight shift and effective follow-through while the client completes the chest pass. NASM's descriptions of power training emphasize integrating rapid force production and proper kinetic-chain mechanics; see the NASM Corrective Exercise Specialization overview and the NASM discussion of power exercise programming.