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# Muscles



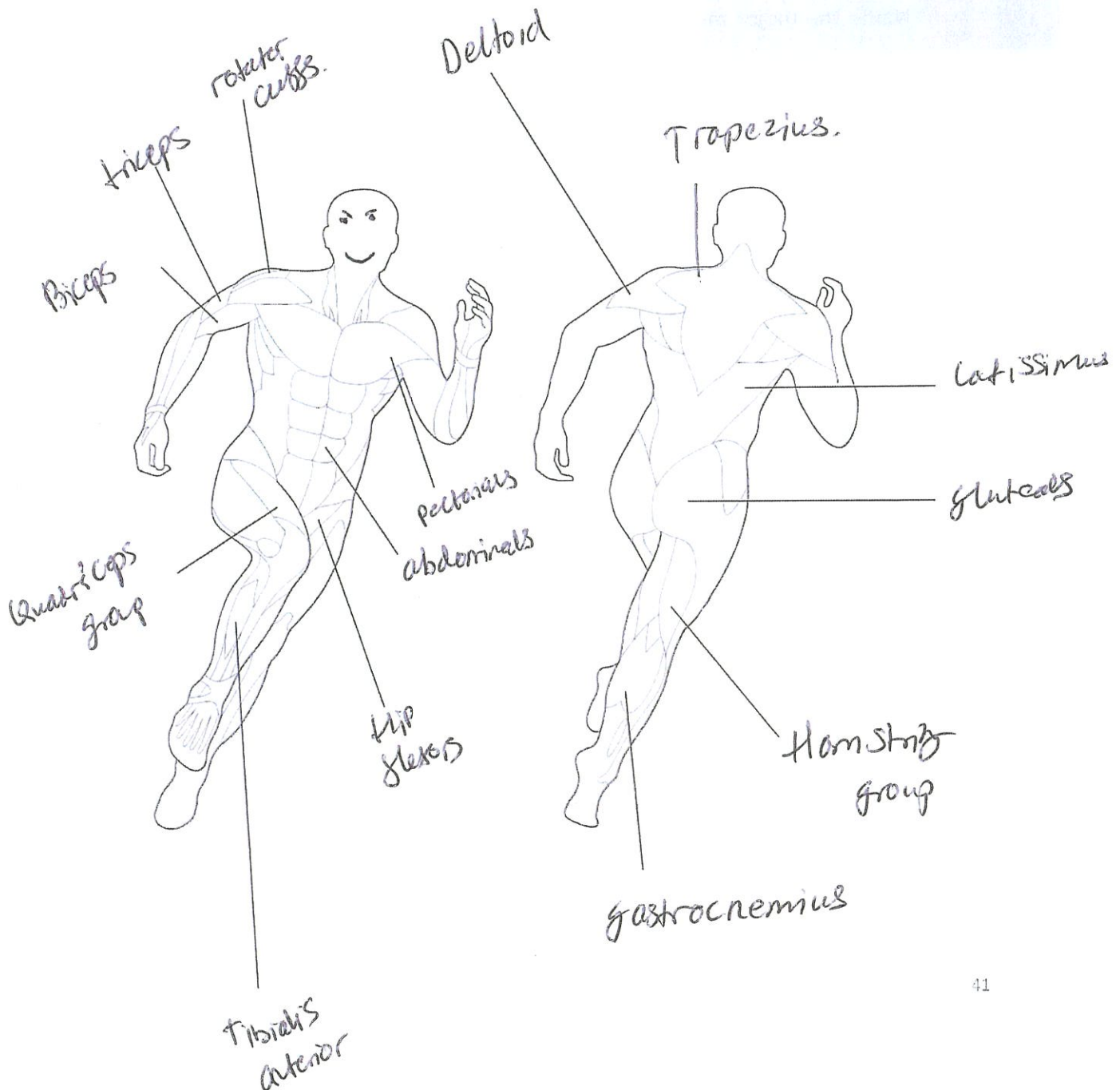
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Muscles are attached to the skeleton by tendons. Label the names of the major muscles and muscle groups in the human body. Then colour the antagonistic pairs that work at the shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle joints. Use a different colour for each antagonistic pair so you can easily match them.

### Key term

Tendon:

R



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**A**

Name the two muscle groups acting around the knee joint to produce movement at the knee.

- 1.
- 2.

**V**

**E**

Name the major muscle groups that act around the following joints:

**Joint**

**Major muscle groups**

Shoulder

\*\*\*\*\* Trapezius pectorals, biceps, triceps, rotator cuff  
latissimus dorsi and deltoid.

Elbow

\*\* Biceps triceps

Hip

\*\* Hip flexors and Gluteals

Knee

\*\* Quadriceps groups + Hamstring.

Ankle

\*\* gastrocnemius + tibialis Anterior

Any muscle that contracts is known as the agonist or prime mover.

Any muscle that relaxes is called the antagonist

Tendon - when agonist or prime mover contracts the length of the muscle decreases and the tendon gets pulled by the bicep or tricep.

A tendon attaches muscle to bone to create movement. / muscle attaches tendon

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## Antagonistic pairs

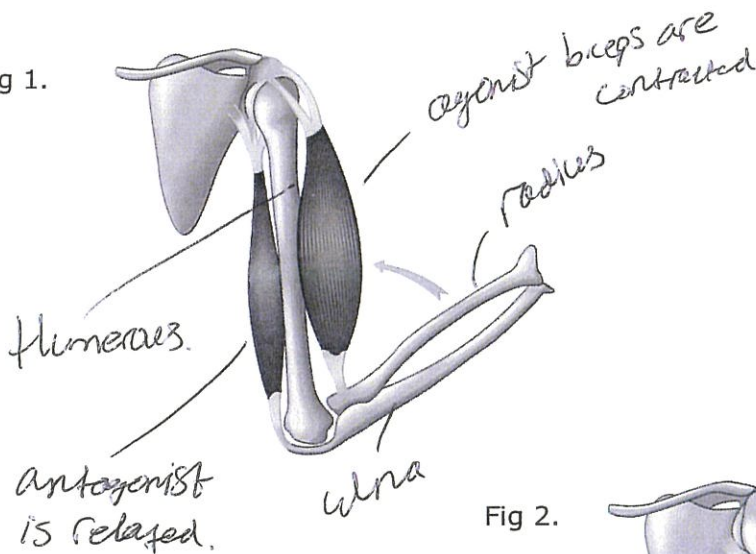


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**R**

Add labels and notes to the diagrams below to explain how an antagonistic pair of muscles work together to cause movement at a joint.

Fig 1.

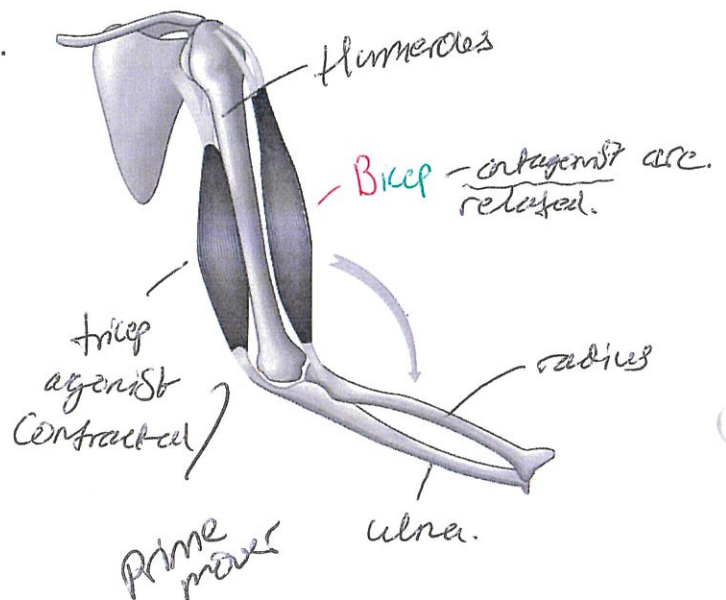


### Key terms

Prime mover (or 'agonist'):  
- Muscle that is contracted. (flexed.)

Antagonist:  
muscle that is relaxed.

Fig 2.



### ✓ Exam tip

You will need to remember which muscles work in antagonistic pairs to enable certain movements, so when you're learning the major muscles, try remembering them in pairs.

List the four most obvious antagonistic pairs in the human body:

The antagonistic pair acting at the elbow joint: bicep tricep

The antagonistic pair acting at the hip joint: hip flexors gluteus maximus

The antagonistic pair acting at the knee joint: quadriceps group + hamstring group

The antagonistic pair acting at the ankle joint: tibialis gastrocnemius

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## Antagonistic pairs



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**A**

Using **figure 1** on the previous page:

Name and describe the role of the muscle acting as the prime mover/ agonist:

The ~~muscle~~ muscle contracts - muscle shortens pulls on a tendon which pulls on a bone = movement. Biceps

Name and describe the role of the muscle acting as the antagonist:

The muscle relaxes - it becomes longer assists the movement. Tricep

**V**

Using **figure 2** on the previous page:

The opposite of **A**

Name and describe the role of the muscle acting as the prime mover/ agonist:

Name and describe the role of the muscle acting as the antagonist:

**E**

Identify the muscles working as agonist and antagonist to create flexion of the knee and explain how these muscle groups create this movement.

Shortens - flexion



The hamstring contracts - agonist

The quadriceps relax - antagonist

flexion at joint

tendon attaches to knee which pulls the (knee) lower leg in flexion.

Quadriceps assist the bone.

### Key term

Ligament: bone to bone / tough connective tissue that attaches bone to bone.