

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
CRITICAL THINKING**

Introduction to Critical Thinking

F501

Candidates answer on the question paper.

OCR supplied materials:

- Resource booklet

Other materials required:

None

**Monday 10 January 2011
Afternoon**

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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MODIFIED LANGUAGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each passage in the resource booklet before starting to answer the questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this question paper. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Additional paper may also be used if necessary.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **75**.
- You are advised to spend about 10 minutes reading the resource materials, about 35 minutes on section A and about 40 minutes on section B.
- Marks are available for the quality of written communication in your answers.
- This document consists of **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A – The language of reasoning

Answer **all** questions.

Read **all** the documents in the Resource Booklet before you answer the questions.

Question 1 refers to Document 1 ‘Graduates offered gap year funding to boost employability skills.’

In your answers to all parts of Question 1, you should use the exact words of the author. You must give only the argument element asked for and include no other material.

1 (a) State the **conclusion** of the government’s argument in paragraph 1 of Document 1.

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(b) State the **reason** given to support the conclusion of the government’s argument in paragraph 1 of Document 1.

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(c) State the **evidence** given in paragraph 1 of Document 1.

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(d) State **three argument indicator words** that are used in (any of) paragraphs 2, 3 or 4 of Document 1.

You must give three different words.

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- [3]

(e) State the **examples** that are given to support the reasoning in paragraph 5 of Document 1.

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2 Consider the advertisement’s claim in **paragraph 2** of Document 1 that “an expedition would boost your employability skills.”

(a) Name the argument element used.

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(b) Explain your answer to 2(a).

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..... [2]

3 Consider the Beach Lifeguard Training Programme in **Document 3**. Explain **two** ways in which this training programme might not be representative of most gap year work opportunities.

(a)
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(b)
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4 “The award scheme is endorsed by leading employers and government departments, so you don’t have to feel guilty about having the time of your life!” (Document 1, Photograph caption) State an assumption that is needed to support the reasoning in this photograph caption.

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..... [3]

5 Suggest **one** reason of your own to support a possible claim that job prospects are made worse by graduate gap years.

You must give **only** a reason and not add other argument elements.

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6 Consider the author’s argument presented in **paragraph 5** of Document 1.
Assess how strongly the reasoning gives support to the conclusion, “Criticisms that the financial awards are a complete waste of public money are unjustified.”
You should make **two** developed points that refer directly to the links between the reasoning and the conclusion.

(a) Circle which you have chosen:

Strong link

Weak link

Assessment 1

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(b) Circle which you have chosen:

Strong link

Weak link

Assessment 2

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Section A Total [35]

Section B – Credibility

Answer **all** questions.

You should refer to **Documents 1, 2 and 3** in order to answer the questions in Section B.

7 Assess the credibility of **Document 2** from www.gapwork.com.

You should make **two** points.

Each point should identify and use a relevant credibility criterion to assess the credibility of the document and support this with reference to the text.

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(b)
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8 In **paragraph 4** of Document 1, a taxpayers’ campaign group claimed, “This kind of charity, paid out of the taxpayer’s pocket, is unfair.”

Identify **two** claims and their sources that are **consistent** with this claim.

(a)
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(b)
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- 9 Assess the credibility of one claim made by the **Higher Education government minister** in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in paragraph 3 of Document 1.

Apply **two** credibility criteria to explain how these may strengthen or weaken the credibility of the selected claim.

(a) Higher Education government minister

(i) Claim
..... [1]

Assessment

(ii)
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(iii)
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Assess the credibility of one claim made by a **founding director of Xtreme Gap** in Document 3.

Apply **two** credibility criteria to explain how these may strengthen or weaken the credibility of the selected claim.

(b) Founding director of Xtreme Gap

(i) Claim
..... [1]

Assessment

(ii)
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10 Write a reasoned case which comes to a judgement as to whether the graduate bursary award scheme is likely to improve the employability skills of those taking part.

You should assess:

- the relative credibility of both sides giving their views about this;
- the relative plausibility (likelihood) that the scheme will improve the employability skills of those taking part.

Your answer should include sustained comparisons within each of these tasks. You must refer to the material within the documents.

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