

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
ADVANCED GCE**

**F503**

**CRITICAL THINKING**

**Ethical Reasoning and Decision-Making**

**THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2011: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the answer booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**Resource booklet**

**8 page answer booklet**

**(sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer ALL the questions.**

## **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 60.**
- **You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the resource booklet and question paper before answering the questions.**
- **You will be marked on the quality of your written communication in questions 3 and 4.**

**Read the RESOURCE BOOKLET and then answer ALL the following questions:**

- 1 Suggest and briefly explain TWO ways in which the data in DOCUMENT 4 might or might not be useful in deciding whether to raise the age of criminal responsibility. [3+3]**
  
- 2 The government may have to decide whether to raise the age of criminal responsibility or keep it at its current level. Explain why this decision would OR would not be a dilemma. [6]**
  
- 3 Suggest and evaluate ONE choice which the government could make about the age of criminal responsibility. You should use THREE criteria (eg public safety). [12]**
  
- 4 Do you think the age of criminal responsibility should be raised, and, if so, how far?**

**Write an argument to support your choice. In your argument you should use some relevant principles and explain why you have rejected at least one possible ALTERNATIVE choice. Support your argument by referring critically to the resource documents. [36]**

**Total Marks [60]**



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