

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



**GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A)
Unit 6 Society, Politics and the Economy**

GSA6

Wednesday 18 June 2003 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

- a copy of the Study Source Material (enclosed);
- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is GSA6.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A (Questions 1 to 4) and **one** question from Section B (Questions 5 to 8).
- Write your answers in continuous prose.
- Use your own words, rather than simply repeating those used in the sources, to show your understanding of the points being made.

Information

- This paper consists of Section A (**four** questions based on the Case Study Source Material provided earlier; a new copy is provided as an insert to this question paper) and Section B (essay questions).
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60 (35 for Section A and 25 for Section B).
- Mark allocations for Questions 1 to 4 are shown after each question.
- Part of the assessment will be based on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate.
- The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Advice

- Where appropriate you may use your own knowledge and ideas to support and enhance your answers to the questions.

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SECTION A

Answer **all** of Questions 1 to 4

Total for this Section is 35 marks.

- 1 What are the key features of the data in **Extract A**? *(9 marks)*

- 2 Explain why statistics on crime, such as are presented here by the Government and in the press, should be treated with caution. *(8 marks)*

- 3 Suggest reasons for the relative success or failure of the initiatives for dealing with teenage crime described in **Extract D**. *(9 marks)*

- 4 Using information from the extracts and your own knowledge, discuss what considerations should be taken into account in the sentencing of offenders. *(9 marks)*

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SECTION B

Answer **ONE** only of **Questions 5 to 8**. Each of the questions is worth 25 marks.
Write as if you were addressing the intelligent general reader.

- 5** Discuss **both** the case for **and** against the introduction of identity cards for United Kingdom citizens.

Explain why you would be in favour of **or** against such a step.

- 6** Discuss the causes and effects of the non-medicinal use of drugs.

Suggest what should be done to alleviate the problems they produce.

- 7** What are the factors and considerations that contribute to our notions of 'right' and 'wrong' and the way that we behave both individually and in groups?

To what extent is it possible for differences of opinion to be tolerated?

- 8** In general terms it is British government policy to grant overseas aid only to those developing countries that promote 'good government'.

What do you think should be the main features of 'good government'?

To what extent is the policy a fair and legitimate one?

END OF QUESTIONS

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Case Study Source Material

- This Case Study Source Material should be issued to candidates on or after 1 May 2003;
- a clean copy of the Source Material will be provided at the start of the Unit 6 examination.

For use with **Section A**

- The material consists of 5 extracts (A - E) on the subject of crime and punishment. These extracts are being given to you in advance of the Unit 6 examination to enable you to study the content and approach of each extract, and to consider the issues which they raise, in preparation for the questions based on this material in Section A.
- Your teachers are **not** permitted to discuss the material with you before the examination.
- You may write notes in this copy of the Source Material, but you will not be allowed to bring this copy, or any other notes you may have made, into the examination room. You will be provided with a clean copy of the Source Material at the start of the Unit 6 examination.
- You are not required to carry out any further study of the material than is necessary for you to gain an understanding of the detail that it contains and to consider the issues that are raised. It is suggested that three hours' detailed study is required for this purpose.
- In the examination you will have approximately 45 minutes in which to answer a range of questions based on the material.

Case Study Source Material on **Crime and Punishment**

EXTRACT A**Selected Statistics on Crime**

- 1 All the tables are taken from statistics provided by the Home Office.
- 2 Variations in years (e.g. Year 2000 or 2000-01) and the rounding of figures are not to be regarded as significant.

Table 1

Recorded crime: England and Wales by type of offence

Thousands

	1999-00	2000-01
Theft and handling stolen goods	2,223	2,145
of which: theft of vehicles	375	339
theft from vehicles	669	630
Criminal damage	946	960
Burglary	906	836
Violence against the person	581	601
Fraud and forgery	335	319
Drug offences	122	113
Robbery	84	95
Sexual offences	38	37
of which: rape	8	9
Other notifiable offences	66	63
All notifiable offences	5,301	5,169

Table 2

Offenders found guilty of, or cautioned for, indictable offences: England and Wales by gender, type of offence and age, Year 2000.

Rates per 1,000 population
except final column

	Age 10-15	Age 16-24	Age 25-34	Age 35 and over	All (1,000s)
Males					
Theft and handling stolen goods	11.3	20.5	8.9	1.6	142.1
Drug offences	1.4	14.3	5.3	0.8	76.5
Violence against the person	2.9	6.8	2.8	0.7	47.1
Burglary	3.2	5.3	1.6	0.2	31.0
Criminal damage	1.3	1.7	0.6	0.1	12.0
Robbery	0.6	1.1	0.2	-	5.9
Sexual offences	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	5.2
Other indictable offences	1.1	9.6	5.2	1.1	66.4
All indictable offences	22.1	59.7	24.8	4.7	386.2
Females					
Theft and handling stolen goods	6.5	7.2	3.0	0.6	53.5
Drug offences	0.2	1.5	0.8	0.1	9.3
Violence against the person	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.1	8.1
Burglary	0.3	0.3	0.1	-	1.8
Criminal damage	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	1.4
Robbery	0.1	0.1	-	-	0.6
Sexual offences	-	-	-	-	0.1
Other indictable offences	0.3	2.0	1.2	0.2	14.3
All indictable offences	8.5	12.4	5.7	1.0	89.1

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Table 3

Offenders sentenced for indictable offences. England and Wales by type of offence and type of sentence, Year 2000.

Percentages except final column

	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Fully suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Other	All sentences (1,000s)
Theft and handling stolen goods	22	23	32	0	20	2	127.6
Drug offences	16	46	18	1	18	1	45.0
Violence against the person	13	11	40	2	32	3	35.5
Burglary	6	3	38	0	51	1	26.7
Fraud and forgery	18	17	42	2	20	2	19.1
Criminal damage	24	17	40	0	12	7	10.2
Motoring	5	48	23	1	23	1	7.7
Robbery	1	0	23	0	73	1	5.9
Sexual offences	5	3	27	2	62	2	3.9
Other offences	11	41	18	1	19	10	43.2
All indictable offences	16	25	30	1	25	3	324.8

Table 4

Receptions of adults into prison under sentence of immediate imprisonment: England and Wales by length of sentence and gender.

Percentages

	Males		Females	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
12 months or less	57	71	66	79
Over 12 months up to 4 years	35	23	28	16
Over 4 years up to 10 years	7	5	5	4
Over 10 years	1	1	-	1
All sentences (total)	34,737	64,103	1,743	5,770

Table 5

Clear-up rates for notifiable offences: England and Wales by type of offence, Year 2000-01.

	Percentages
Drug offences	95
Violence against the person	62
Sexual offences	53
of which: rape	46
Fraud and forgery	29
Robbery	18
Theft and handling stolen goods	17
of which: theft of vehicles	13
theft from vehicles	6
Burglary	12
Criminal damage	14
Other notifiable offences	73
All notifiable offences	24

Table 6

Twenty boroughs where half of all robberies occur: England and Wales, Year 2000-01.

Robberies per 1,000 population					
1	Lambeth	23.4	11	Waltham Forest	9.8
2	Hackney	14.8	12	Brent	9.3
3	Southwark	12.9	13	Lewisham	8.0
4	Camden	12.0	14	Birmingham	7.8
5	Haringey	11.7	15	Ealing	7.3
6=	City of Westminster	11.3	16	Wandsworth	7.2
	Tower Hamlets	11.3	17	Nottingham	7.0
8	Manchester	10.8	18	Croydon	6.2
9=	Bristol	10.0	19	Leeds	4.6
	Newham	10.0	20	Liverpool	4.4
Total in 20 boroughs					61,735
Total in England and Wales					121,375

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Table 7

5-year National Crime Targets

Using 1998-99 as the baseline

By 2004	Achieved by end 2001
30% cut in car crime	7% reduction
25% cut in burglary	10% reduction
14% cut in robbery	21% increase
Reduction in fear of crime	No change

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