

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



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

GSA6

Friday 27 January 2006 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a copy of the Case 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 and **one** question from Section B.
- Use your own words, rather than simply repeating those used in the sources, to show your understanding of the points being made.
- Answer **five** questions.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60 (35 for Section A and 25 for Section B).
- 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 (**four** essay questions).
- The marks for Questions 1 to 4 are shown after each question.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Advice

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

SECTION A

Answer **all** of **Questions 1 to 4**.

The total for this section is 35 marks.

- 1 What conclusions can be drawn about families and work in the United Kingdom from an analysis of the data in **Extract A**? *(9 marks)*

- 2 Using **Extract B** and your own knowledge, discuss the reasons behind the changes in family and working patterns during the last 30 years. *(9 marks)*

- 3 Discuss the social science evidence and the ways in which it is used in **Extracts C and D**. *(8 marks)*

- 4 To what extent do you consider the government's 10-year plan in **Extract E** to be realistic and the right approach to improving family and working life in the United Kingdom? *(9 marks)*

SECTION B

Answer **one Question** from **5** to **8**.

Each question is worth 25 marks.

Write as if you are addressing the intelligent general reader.

- 5 What do you understand by ‘marriage skills’? To what extent do you think they could or should be taught or learnt in order to sustain long-term relationships?

- 6 Discuss the issues that have arisen from the conduct and outcome of the last general election in the United Kingdom.

- 7 Some people argue that the United Kingdom should withdraw from membership of the European Union. Discuss the arguments for and against the UK’s continued membership of the enlarged EU.

- 8 To what extent do you think that the remarkable response to the Asian tsunami disaster served to highlight the inconsistency of people’s and governments’ attitudes towards international aid? How might more effective aid policies be developed and implemented by the more affluent nations?

END OF QUESTIONS

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