

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



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

GSA6

Wednesday 20 June 2007 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 AQQA. The *Paper Reference* is GSA6.
- Answer **five** questions.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Wherever possible, use your own words to show you understand the points being made.

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 in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- Where appropriate use your own knowledge and ideas to support and enhance your answers.

SECTION A

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

The total for this section is 35 marks.

- 1 Briefly outline the key points and issues that arise from the data given in **Extract A**.
(9 marks)

- 2 Using **Extract B** and your own knowledge, identify and examine the main difficulties of relieving poverty in the world's least developed countries like Niger.
(9 marks)

- 3 To what extent does, and should, the author of **Extract C** offer an objective and balanced view of the role of new developments in Genetically Modified (GM) rice in helping to save people from famine?
(8 marks)

- 4 Using your own knowledge, and information from **Extracts D** and **E**, discuss whether we should be wholly pessimistic about achieving success in tackling the world problem of HIV and AIDS.
(9 marks)

SECTION B

Answer **one** only of **Questions 5 to 8**.

Each of the questions is worth 25 marks.

You are advised to use examples to illustrate your answer where appropriate.

Write as if you are addressing the intelligent general reader.

- 5** Explain what you understand by the term ‘good citizen’.

Discuss the extent to which the compulsory study of citizenship in schools is likely to increase the number of good citizens.

- 6** Explain the main causes of inequalities in the incomes and wealth of individuals in the United Kingdom.

Discuss what could, or should, be done to make the distribution of incomes and wealth more equal in the United Kingdom.

- 7** ‘We should be praising the successes of healthcare in the United Kingdom instead of constantly drawing attention to its shortcomings.’

Discuss the arguments for and against this viewpoint.

- 8** ‘Increased trade, opening up markets and debt relief are more important than aid in helping Less Economically Developed Countries to tackle their problems.’

Discuss the arguments and evidence that support and challenge this view.

END OF QUESTIONS

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