

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 4 Conflict-Resolution

GB4W

Wednesday 15 June 2005

Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

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 GB4W.
- Read the passage and carry out the instructions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.

Advice

- You will be assessed according to your ability to:
 - select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and complex subject matter;
 - organise relevant information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate;
 - ensure text is legible, and spelling, grammar and punctuation are accurate, so that meaning is clear.

Read the following passage and complete the tasks which follow.

Total for this paper: 60 marks

Andrew Dalton spent an evening drinking in a club with his wife and his close friend, Neil Johnson. In the early hours of the morning, as the two men became the worse for drink, an argument erupted between them as to whether Dalton was fit to drive his car home. Dalton became abusive towards his friend and stormed out of the club. Mrs Dalton, who had been drinking lemonade all evening, insisted that she drive home.

Just as Mrs Dalton pulled out, Johnson staggered out of the club. They had only travelled a few metres when Mrs Dalton had to swerve to avoid Johnson who had lurched in front of their car. Dalton shouted at Johnson from the car window, but Johnson continued to stagger down the middle of the road. Several cars had to swerve to avoid hitting him. A passer-by telephoned the police to report that Johnson was drunk and disorderly. The call was logged by the police, but no action was taken.

Arriving home, Mrs Dalton went straight to bed. Feeling guilty about leaving Johnson outside the club, Dalton decided to drive back as “a good Samaritan” to help his friend. As he turned the corner, however, Johnson lurched in front of the car, was hit and later died from his injuries.

Dalton was gaoled for six months for causing death by careless driving. He was 1 ½ times over the legal drink-drive limit. Johnson was found to be 3 ½ times over the limit. The judge at Dalton’s trial did not accept that Dalton had gone back to help, but rather to “give him a piece of his mind”, following the argument.

One month later Dalton appealed against the sentence, when it was revealed that he was terminally ill with cancer of the liver. Although Dalton had been suffering from this condition for some time, the Court of Appeal was told that being in prison made access to treatment difficult and that Dalton’s life might be prolonged if he could receive treatment from a specialist hospital. Despite protests in court from Johnson’s wife, the judge reduced the sentence to six weeks allowing Dalton’s immediate release. “This was not one of the worst cases. I am sure the general public would agree that strict justice should be tempered by mercy”, he said.

Study the source and answer the following three questions.

- 1 Using the source, analyse the nature of the problem and identify the underlying issues. (15 marks)
- 2 Identify which parties you consider to be responsible for the problem and analyse the extent of their responsibility, explaining why some might be said to be more responsible than others. (15 marks)
- 3 Explain what measures might be taken in the short-term and the long-term to resolve the problem and evaluate the likely success of these measures. (20 marks)

A further ten marks will be awarded for communicating in a concise and logical way in an appropriate form. (10 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS