

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 2 Power**

GSB2

Friday 13 January 2006 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 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 GSB2.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Answer **Question 1** from **Section A** and **one** question from **Section B**.
- 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 70.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

SECTION A

Answer this question.

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SECTION B

Answer **one** of the following questions.

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

EITHER

- 2 The press and television make ‘celebrities’ of talented footballers and glamorous actors and singers; then they destroy their reputations when it suits them.

Consider whether this obsession with celebrities is harmless fun, or it says something important about our culture.

You might consider the following in your answer:

- our need for glamour to brighten dull lives
- the celebrities’ own need for publicity, good or bad
- the decline in respect for other public figures
- the value that we attach to ‘fame and fortune’.

(30 marks)

OR

- 3 It has been said that children today may have a shorter life expectancy than their parents as a result of the rising level of obesity.

How far is it the responsibility of schools and colleges to promote healthy eating habits and a life-style that includes plenty of exercise?

You might consider the following in your answer:

- the responsibility of parents to do these things
- the debate about what it is healthy to eat
- PE and sport on the school curriculum
- whether we over-value health and fitness.

(30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS