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Advanced Level Examination



GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 5 Power–Regulation

GSB5

Thursday 5 June 2008 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 black ink or black 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 GSB5.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions 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. All questions should be answered in continuous prose.

Answer **all** questions.

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

- 1 How far do you believe that using solar panels for energy purposes can make a significant difference to our environment? *(12 marks)*

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- 2 To what extent do pressure groups represent the views of the general public? (12 marks)

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Turn over for the next question

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- 3 How far should we be concerned about Hollywood's domination of the film industry?
(12 marks)



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4 'We learn to be good citizens by following positive role models.'

How far do you believe this viewpoint to be valid?

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5 'A shopping revolution is taking place in the way in which we purchase goods and services.'

How far do you agree with this assertion?

(12 marks)

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