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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**

F731

GENERAL STUDIES

The Cultural and Social Domains

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2011: Afternoon

DURATION: 2 hours

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

**8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)**

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.**
- **Answer ALL the questions in Sections A and C and ONE question in each of Sections B and D.**

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- **The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.**
- **The total number of marks for this paper is 120.**
- **You are advised to divide your time equally between The Cultural and Social Domains.**
- **THE QUALITY OF YOUR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WILL BE ASSESSED, INCLUDING CLARITY OF EXPRESSION, STRUCTURE OF ARGUMENTS, PRESENTATION OF IDEAS, GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING.**

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SECTION A: THE CULTURAL DOMAIN

Answer ALL parts of the question in this section on the issue of abortion.

SOURCE A

Abortion services in the NHS are not, it is claimed, given enough priority, leading to women being denied access to safe methods of termination. The Family Planning Association has called for a change in the law to allow women more easily to exercise their right to choose to have an abortion as early as possible. Their report called for women to be able to have an abortion within 72 hours of first contacting a health professional. It also highlighted a 'postcode lottery' of services, which varied widely across England. In North East Lincolnshire in 2001, 79% of abortions were carried out before 10 weeks. But in Great Yarmouth, in Norfolk, the proportion of early abortions was just 26%. The FPA also called for the NHS to fund at least 90% of abortions, again highlighting wide variations across the country. While the NHS paid for 96% of abortions in Coventry, this fell to only 50% in Kingston and Richmond in Surrey. Trained nurses should also be able to carry out early surgical and medical abortions; the need for two doctors' signatures before an abortion could go ahead should also be abolished and the procedure treated like any other. The system must be modernised to incorporate changes that will benefit the one in three women who will have an abortion during their lifetime.

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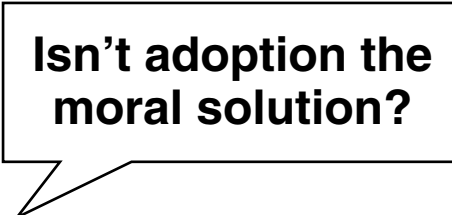
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- 1 (a) In SOURCE A, briefly explain what you think the author means by the following phrases:
- (i) ‘exercise their right’ [lines 6–7] [3]
 - (ii) ‘health professional’ [line 10] [3]
 - (iii) ‘postcode lottery’ [line 11]. [3]
- (b) (i) In lines 9 and 10, there is a suggestion that women should be able to have an abortion within 72 hours of first contacting a health professional. Outline ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage of this becoming possible. [4]
- (ii) In lines 21–23, it is recommended that trained nurses should be able to carry out abortions. Briefly explain TWO reasons why this may not be considered desirable. [5]

(c)  Women's rights or foetal rights?

 Isn't adoption the moral solution?

Choose ONE of the above questions, which were raised in a sixth-form General Studies discussion about abortion. For your chosen question, outline and suggest reasons for TWO different viewpoints. [12]

Section A Total [30]

SECTION B: THE CULTURAL DOMAIN

**Answer ONE question from this section.
Answers should be in continuous prose.**

- 2 Some people suggest that education in school is just a form of indoctrination.**

Explain your own view, outlining TWO ways in which education and indoctrination are, or are not, similar.

[30]

- 3 In recent years, most of the UK's daily national and regional newspapers have produced on-line, internet editions in addition to the usual printed versions. There are also news 'feeds' available for computer users as well as text alerts to mobile telephones.**

Discuss TWO ways in which current developments in media communication may have improved news coverage and TWO ways in which they may distort the reporting of news. [30]

- 4 'The promotion of participative arts encourages people to become active partners in cultural and creative activity and builds confident unified communities.'**

Outline and discuss TWO ways in which the Arts can have a positive role in building 'confident, unified communities.' Describe ONE project, known to you or imagined, that illustrates how this might be achieved in a community with which you are familiar. [30]

Section B Total [30]

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SECTION C: THE SOCIAL DOMAIN

Answer ALL parts of the questions in this section concerning voting issues.

SOURCE B

Dear Mr Auty

Thank you for your letter concerning the drunken behaviour in the town centre of Aldersfield on Saturday last. As your elected member, I take the concerns of the electorate very seriously and I can assure you that my Party considers public order as an important part of our strategy to build safer communities. In the coming months, a Bill will be introduced extending the power of local authorities to deal with such disorder. They will have the right to impose a curfew on persistent offenders, and finance will be made available for the installation of surveillance equipment and the provision of mobile Police Stations.

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I am only too aware of the difficulty the local authority has in dealing with civic unrest. It is my belief that these new measures will be a positive step in the direction of dealing with the serious issue which you have raised.

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Yours sincerely

John Hollerweek

MP for Aldersfield

- 5 (a) In SOURCE B, briefly explain what you understand the author of the passage to mean by:**
- (i) elected member [lines 4–5] [3]**
 - (ii) electorate [line 5] [3]**
 - (iii) public order [line 7]. [3]**
- (b) (i) Give ONE reason why the local authority may not agree with the measures to deal with public disorder suggested by Mr Hollerweek. [3]**
- (ii) Give TWO reasons why surveillance equipment may help in tackling the problem of public disorder on the streets. [6]**
- (c) Consider your local area and briefly outline ONE voting issue, other than drunken behaviour, that you feel should be brought to the attention of your Member of Parliament. Suggest ONE strategy that might be adopted to improve the situation. [12]**

Section C Total [30]

SECTION D: THE SOCIAL DOMAIN

**Answer ONE question from this section.
Answers should be in continuous prose.**

- 6 Describe briefly what you understand by the term National Minimum Wage. Outline and discuss TWO strengths and TWO weaknesses of this system. [30]**

- 7 Outline and discuss TWO advantages and TWO disadvantages of people starting their own businesses. In your answer you may consider the individual(s) concerned and society in general. [30]**

- 8 Outline and discuss TWO ways in which the family might play an important role in the development of a child's attitudes and behaviour. In your answer you may take into account positive and negative aspects of family influence. [30]**

Section D Total [30]

Total Marks [120]

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