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AS GCE
F731/01**

GENERAL STUDIES

The Cultural and Social Domains

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015: Afternoon

DURATION: 2 hours

plus your additional time allowance

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

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OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The Insert will be found inside this document.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. Please write clearly and in capital letters.

Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.

Answer ALL the questions in Sections A and C and ONE question from each of Sections B and D.

Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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.

Any blank pages are indicated.

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SECTION B – The Cultural Domain

**Answer ONE question from this section.
Your answer must be in continuous prose.**

- 2 Some people consider that the current decline in religious belief is a result of the absence of facts which would support the existence of a god or supreme being. Examine how far you consider this proposition to be true. [30]**

- 3 In all areas of the arts there are artists who have achieved critical success through the inclusion of humour in their work. Outline and discuss the nature of their humour, its purpose and its effect. Refer to TWO art forms to illustrate your answer. [30]**

- 4 ‘The news media cannot be trusted to tell the truth.’ To what extent do you agree with this suggestion? Give examples to support your answer. [30]**

The question number must be clearly shown.

SECTION D – The Social Domain

Answer ONE question from this section.

Your answer should be in continuous prose.

- 6 The main UK emergency services are police, fire, and ambulance. Choose ONE of the services. Outline and explain ONE way in which the scope of the service and ONE way in which the quality of the service could be improved for the benefit of the general public. [30]**
- 7 The proposed HS2 (high speed train line) is the most significant transport project in the UK since the motorways were built in the 1950s and 1960s. HS2 will provide a high speed rail link between London and Birmingham and on to Manchester and Leeds. Discuss the main advantages AND disadvantages of this project. [30]**
- 8 ‘The area in which we live and the people we grow up with are major influences on the way we live our lives.’ To what extent do you agree with this suggestion? [30]**

The question number must be clearly shown.

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