

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



HOME ECONOMICS
Unit 1 The Consumer and Society

HEC1

Wednesday 24 May 2006 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book

You may use a calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 HEC1.
- Answer **both** questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this unit is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers written in continuous prose.

Answer **both** questions.

- 1 (a) Using the table below, discuss the percentage changes of children living in different family types between 1981–2002. (6 marks)

Percentage of children living in different family types Great Britain			
	Percentages		
	1981	1992	2002
Couple families			
1 child	18	18	17
2 children	41	39	37
3 or more children	29	27	24
Lone mother families			
1 child	3	4	6
2 children	4	5	7
3 or more children	3	4	6
Lone father families			
1 child	1	1	1
2 or more children	1	1	1
All children	100	100	100

Source: *General Household Survey and Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics*

- (b) Explain the change in ‘dependency ratios’ in the UK today. (6 marks)
- (c) Define the term ‘homeostasis’. (2 marks)
- (d) Outline the work of **one** organisation in the community who supports the care of:
- the elderly; (3 marks)
 - lone parents. (3 marks)
- (e) Discuss the effect of an ageing population on **two** of the following:
- the individual;
 - the family;
 - society. (10 marks)

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- 2 (a) Name the **five** areas of the Welfare State identified by Beveridge. *(5 marks)*
- (b) Define the term ‘from the cradle to the grave’. *(2 marks)*
- (c) Using the chart below, explain government expenditure in the UK. *(10 marks)*

WHERE TAXPAYERS' MONEY IS SPENT	
Social Security	113bn
NHS	64bn
Education	56bn
Industry, Agriculture, Employment	25bn
Housing and Environment	24bn

- (d) What is ‘social security’? *(3 marks)*
- (e) Explain how the changes in the family structure affect the provision of housing and healthcare in the UK today. *(10 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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