

General Certificate of Education  
June 2008  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**HOME ECONOMICS**  
**Unit 1 The Consumer and Society**

**HEC1**

Friday 23 May 2008 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

You may use a calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 HEC1.
- Answer **both** 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 unit 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.

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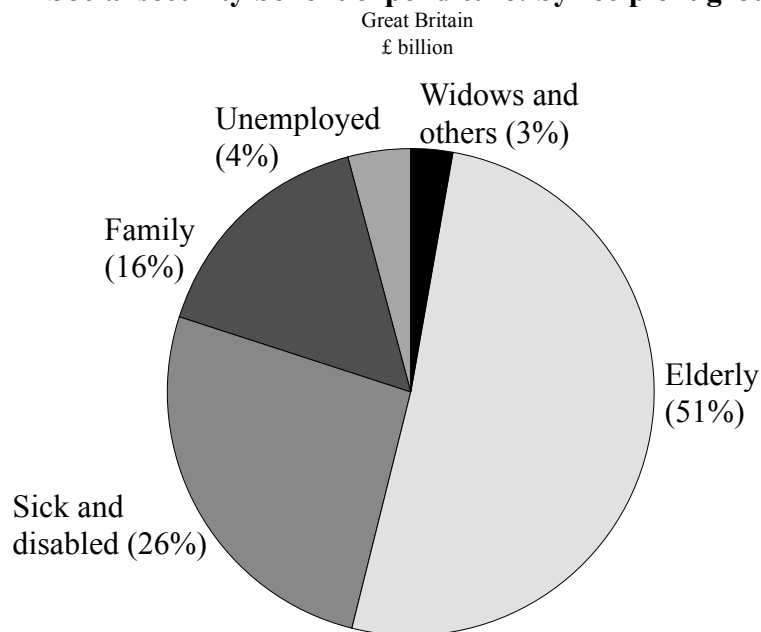
Answer **both** questions.

There are 30 marks for each question.

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- 1 (a) Define the term ‘**social class**’. (4 marks)
- (b) Describe and account for the social security benefit expenditure outlined in the chart below. (8 marks)

**Social security benefit expenditure: by recipient group**

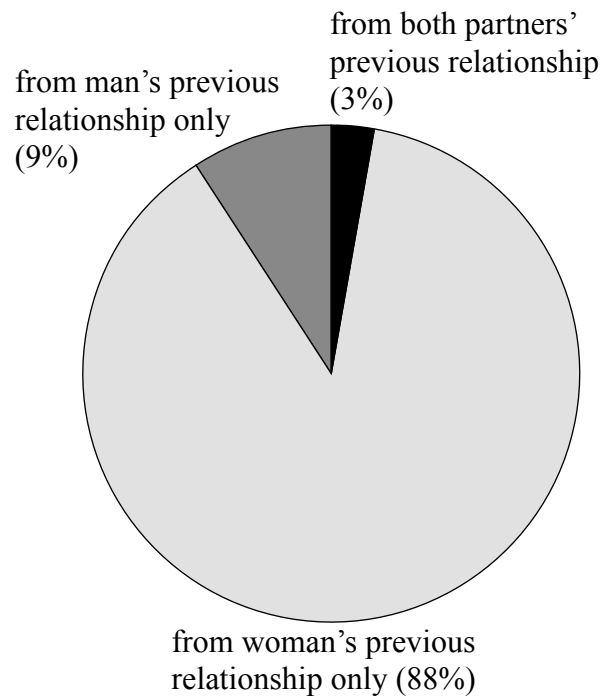


Source: Department for Work and Pensions 2001/2

- (c) Discuss the effect of an ageing population on **each** of the following:
- the individual
  - the family
- (10 marks)
- (d) Describe **two** strategies that exist in your local community to manage domestic resources wisely. (8 marks)

- 2 (a) Define the term 'dependency ratio'. (5 marks)
- (b) Discuss the proportion of dependent children in stepfamilies outlined in the chart below. (8 marks)

**Stepfamily couples with dependent children: by family type, 2000/01**



Source: General Household Survey, Office for National Statistics

- (c) The modern Welfare State is based on five areas identified by Beveridge. List these **five** areas. (5 marks)
- (d) Define the term 'from the cradle to the grave'. (2 marks)
- (e) Compare and contrast the private and public provision in the UK today of
- either** Housing
- or** Education. (10 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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