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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**SOCIAL SCIENCE: CITIZENSHIP**  
**Unit 1 The Citizen and the State**

**SSC1**

Monday 4 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.00 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

**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 SSC1.
- Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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 part 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.

**Advice**

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- Where appropriate, you should use local and/or national and/or international examples and/or case studies.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question carries 30 marks.

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1 Read the extract below and answer parts (a) to (c) which follow.

**Prime Minister Announces Jobcentre Plus**

One of this Government's most important priorities has been the reform of public services. Services for the jobless have been unsatisfactory for decades.

The state of most benefit offices showed the previous approach – take your money and get out of our sight. It was previously thought that claimants were there because it was their fault – so it didn't matter if they had to wait in queues for hours on end, in tatty offices, having to shout their private business at staff through screens.

The new Jobcentre Plus offices are totally different. Jobcentre Plus exemplifies both this Government's vision for public services and an active welfare state which brings together benefit offices and job centres. Instead of simply dishing out cash, personal advisers provide everybody coming through the door with advice and support to help them into work or at least get them closer to the labour market.

This is a welfare state which reflects all our responsibilities: the responsibility we have to engage actively with the jobless to provide them with opportunities and their responsibility to engage actively with us and take those opportunities.

Jobcentre Plus is a major programme of public service investment which will transform the culture of our welfare system and the opportunities it opens up for people.

Source: adapted from The Prime Minister's speech on Welfare Reform, © Crown copyright, 10 June 2002

Your answers should refer to the extract as appropriate, but you should also refer to other relevant information.

- (a) Briefly outline **two** ways in which the extract claims that Jobcentre Plus demonstrates an active welfare state. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Briefly examine how any **one** area of public welfare provision reflects the responsibilities of **both** the State and the recipient. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Assess the role and importance of the private and voluntary sectors in the provision of welfare. *(16 marks)*

**EITHER**

- 2 (a) Briefly explain **two** ways in which the Freedom of Information Act 2000 may improve the rights of British citizens. *(10 marks)*
- (b) ‘Society requires that there should be a balance between the powers of the police to investigate crime and the rights and liberties of citizens who are suspected of crime.’ Assess the extent to which this balance has been achieved. *(20 marks)*

**OR**

- 3 (a) Briefly explain **two** methods by which a citizen, who cannot afford to pay for them, can obtain legal advice and representation. *(10 marks)*
- (b) ‘Trial by jury is a citizen’s most important right.’ Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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