

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

CRITICAL THINKING (H450)

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UNIT 3: Resolution of Dilemmas

Wednesday **14 JUNE 2006** Afternoon 1 hour 15 minutes

Additional materials:
16 page Answer booklet
Resource Booklet

TIME 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read carefully each question and document and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the Resource Booklet and question paper before attempting to answer the questions.
- The number of marks for each part question and question is given in brackets.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **80**.

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

First read the **Choices** and the **Criteria for Choice** contained in the boxes below.
Then read the **Resource Booklet** before attempting **all** questions.

Choices

In a situation where we have to make decisions we can identify a number of possible choices available. In the case of responses to the threat of terrorism, the range could include:

- rely upon long-established UK law
- introduce **limited** new powers
- introduce **wide-ranging** new powers
- give the security forces a free hand to do what they like.

Criteria for Choice

In responding as a society to the threat of terrorism, we need to develop criteria that can be used to help us to make choices from among the positions on the continuum. Examples may include the following criteria:

- effectiveness
- effects on civil liberties.

Questions:

- 1 (a) What problems might arise in using **Document 1** in the Resource Booklet to assess the extent and scale of terrorist activity? [4]
- (b) Explain why the term '**terrorism**' might present problems of definition. [4]
- (c) Explain how such problems of definition might in turn lead to problems in implementing policies to prevent the threat of terrorism. [4]
- 2 (a) Identify **two** further criteria **not** listed in the **Criteria for Choice** which would be relevant to making decisions about how to deal with the threat of terrorism. [2]
- (b) Explain why each **additional** criterion you have identified is relevant to making decisions about responses to the threat of terrorism. [8]

3 Consider the two criteria given in the box **Criteria for Choice**. Assess how far each might help in making decisions about responses to the threat of terrorism. In your answer you should:

- for **each** of the two criteria select **two** points from the **Choices** provided;
- where relevant, critically assess the material in the Resource Booklet to inform your answer;
- **evaluate** the relevance of each criterion.

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4 Any government has a duty to its citizens to produce a coherent response to the potential threat posed by terrorism. However, it can be seen that the different criteria involved in deciding how best to respond to this threat are very likely to conflict with each other. This conflict between the criteria creates a **dilemma**, or a series of dilemmas. **Principles** can be used when trying to resolve such dilemmas.

(a) State **two** major dilemmas that need to be resolved in producing a response to the threat of terrorism. [4]

(b) Choose **one** of these dilemmas and write an argument that attempts to resolve it. In your answer you should:

- identify some relevant ethical principles;
- explain the relevance of these principles;
- apply the principles to the dilemma.

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Total Marks [80]

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