

**Advanced GCE**  
**CRITICAL THINKING**

Unit 3: Resolution of Dilemmas

**WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2007**

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Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (16 pages)  
Resource Booklet



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read each question and document carefully 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 document 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.

### **Box 1**

#### **Choices**

In a situation where we have to make decisions we are faced with a number of choices. In the case of responding to the possibility of 'designer babies', the following represents a series of choices that could be made:

- Do not allow parents to make such selections in any circumstances
- Only permit such selections on medical grounds
- Permit such selections on non-medical grounds only in limited circumstances
- Place no restrictions on parental choice in such matters

### **Box 2**

#### **Criteria for Choice**

In responding to the possibility of 'designer babies' we need to develop criteria that can be used to help us to make choices. Examples may include the following criteria:

- The welfare of the child
- Equality of access
- Personal freedom
- Effective use of resources
- Religious beliefs

**Questions:**

- 1 Refer to **Documents 1 and 2**. Explain why the term 'designer baby' might present problems of definition. [6]
- 2 Refer to **Document 3**. Identify and explain **three** factors that might affect how people view the issue of 'designer babies'. [6]
- 3 Refer to **Document 4**. Explain some of the problems in using the views of church leaders when deciding a policy on 'designer babies'. [4]
- 4 From **Box 1** select **one** of the choices given. By referring closely to the criteria in **Box 2** and to the documents in the resource booklet, evaluate your choice as a course of action. [24]
- 5 (a) State and explain **one** dilemma that arises when making decisions about creating 'designer babies'. [4]  
(b) Write an argument that attempts to resolve the dilemma you have identified. In your argument, you should:
  - identify some relevant principles (these may be ethical/moral principles);
  - assess the extent to which these principles are helpful in resolving the dilemma;
  - use the evidence in the Resource Booklet to support your argument where relevant. [36]

**Total Marks [80]**

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