

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A)
Unit 3 Society, Politics and the Economy**

GA3W

Thursday 19 January 2006 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a loose insert for Questions 1 to 5 (enclosed)
- an 8-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 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 GA3W.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Use your own words, rather than simply repeating those used in the sources, to show your understanding of the points being made.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- This paper consists of **five** questions based on material provided as a separate insert.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in answers to Questions 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Advice

- Where appropriate you may use your own knowledge and ideas to support and enhance your answers to the questions.

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Read **Sources A** to **E** on the subject of education, provided as a separate insert, and then answer the questions below.

Answer **all** questions in continuous prose.

1 Read **Source A**.

Using information only from the source, identify **five** advantages of the government's plans for truancy fines and parenting orders. *(5 marks)*

2 Read **Source B**.

Using information from the source and your own knowledge, briefly examine the case for **and** against the use of vending machines in schools. *(10 marks)*

3 Read **Source C**.

What are the weaknesses of this source in informing the public about changes in examinations? *(10 marks)*

4 Read **Source D**.

To what extent do you agree with the claim that 'school uniform reinforces discipline and respect and enjoys support among parents, teachers and the community'? In your answer you may use social, economic, educational and political arguments. *(10 marks)*

5 Read **Source E**.

David Miliband praises the achievement of 270 000 students and the extension of educational opportunities. He dismisses the views of critics.

Using examples from **Source E**, at least one other source, and your own knowledge, consider how far you would support Mr Miliband's claims. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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