

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



**GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION A)**  
**Unit 6 Society, Politics and the Economy**

**GSA6**

Monday 29 January 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- a copy of the Case Study Source Material (enclosed)
- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 GSA6.
- Answer **five** questions.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Wherever possible, use your own words to show you understand the points being made.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60 (35 for Section A and 25 for Section B).
- This paper consists of Section A (four questions based on the Case Study Source Material provided earlier; a new copy is provided as an insert to this question paper) and Section B (**four** essay questions).
- The marks for **Questions 1 to 4** are shown after each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

- Wherever appropriate, use your own knowledge and ideas to support and enhance your answers.

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**SECTION A**

Answer **all** of **Questions 1 to 4**.

The total for this section is 35 marks.

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- 1 Examine briefly the usefulness and limitations of the data presented in **Extract A**. *(9 marks)*
  
- 2 To what extent do the arguments in **Extract B** support the view that racism in sport is commonplace? *(9 marks)*
  
- 3 Using **Extract C** and any ideas of your own, assess the case for reconsidering the way we define and use terms like ‘multiculturalism’ and ‘being British’. *(9 marks)*
  
- 4 Using information and ideas from **Extracts D** and **E**, consider how far it is possible to argue that racism is tackled more effectively in the UK than in other European countries. *(8 marks)*

**SECTION B**

Answer **one** only of **Questions 5 to 8**.

Each of the questions is worth 25 marks.

You are advised to use examples to illustrate your answer where appropriate.

Write as if you are addressing the intelligent general reader.

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- 5** Great efforts have been made to reduce discrimination against ethnic minorities, the disabled, women and older people.

Discuss the reasons for the successes and failures of anti-discriminatory measures in British society.

- 6** Discuss the extent to which the news media both inform the public about important political matters and distort the issues on which they report.

- 7** ‘For a variety of reasons the low-paid are left both powerless and voiceless.’

Discuss the causes and consequences of low pay for certain groups of employed people.

- 8** Discuss the problems caused by international terrorism. Explain why it is so difficult to tackle.

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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