

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



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

GSA6

Monday 28 January 2008 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.

SECTION A

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

The total for this section is 35 marks.

- 1** Discuss the implications of the comments and data in **Extract A** for the future of the National Health Service. *(9 marks)*

- 2** Using information from **Extract B**, discuss briefly how far it is possible to argue that the National Health Service is ‘in crisis’. *(9 marks)*

- 3** Using your own ideas and information from **Extract C**, discuss critically the arguments used by its author, Dr Tim Winch. *(8 marks)*

- 4** Using information and ideas from **Extracts D and E** and your own knowledge, discuss briefly the issues raised about the behaviour and health of young people. *(9 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.

- 5** ‘Providing that they don’t break the law, people should be free to behave as they wish without interference from the state or other authorities.’

Discuss the arguments for and against this viewpoint.

- 6** Discuss the arguments for and against privatisation in general and privatisation within the National Health Service in particular.

- 7** Examine the problems associated with non-medicinal drug use and discuss whether more severe punishments would help to limit supply and consumption.

- 8** How far would you agree that we demand too much from our politicians and other international leaders and make them convenient scapegoats when things go wrong?

Give reasons for your answer.

END OF QUESTIONS

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