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Advanced Level Examination



GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 5 Power-Regulation

GSB5

Wednesday 15 June 2005 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
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 GSB5.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.

Advice

- You will be assessed according to your ability to:
 - select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and complex subject matter;
 - organise relevant information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate;
 - ensure text is legible, and spelling, grammar and punctuation are accurate, so that meaning is clear.

Answer **all** questions.

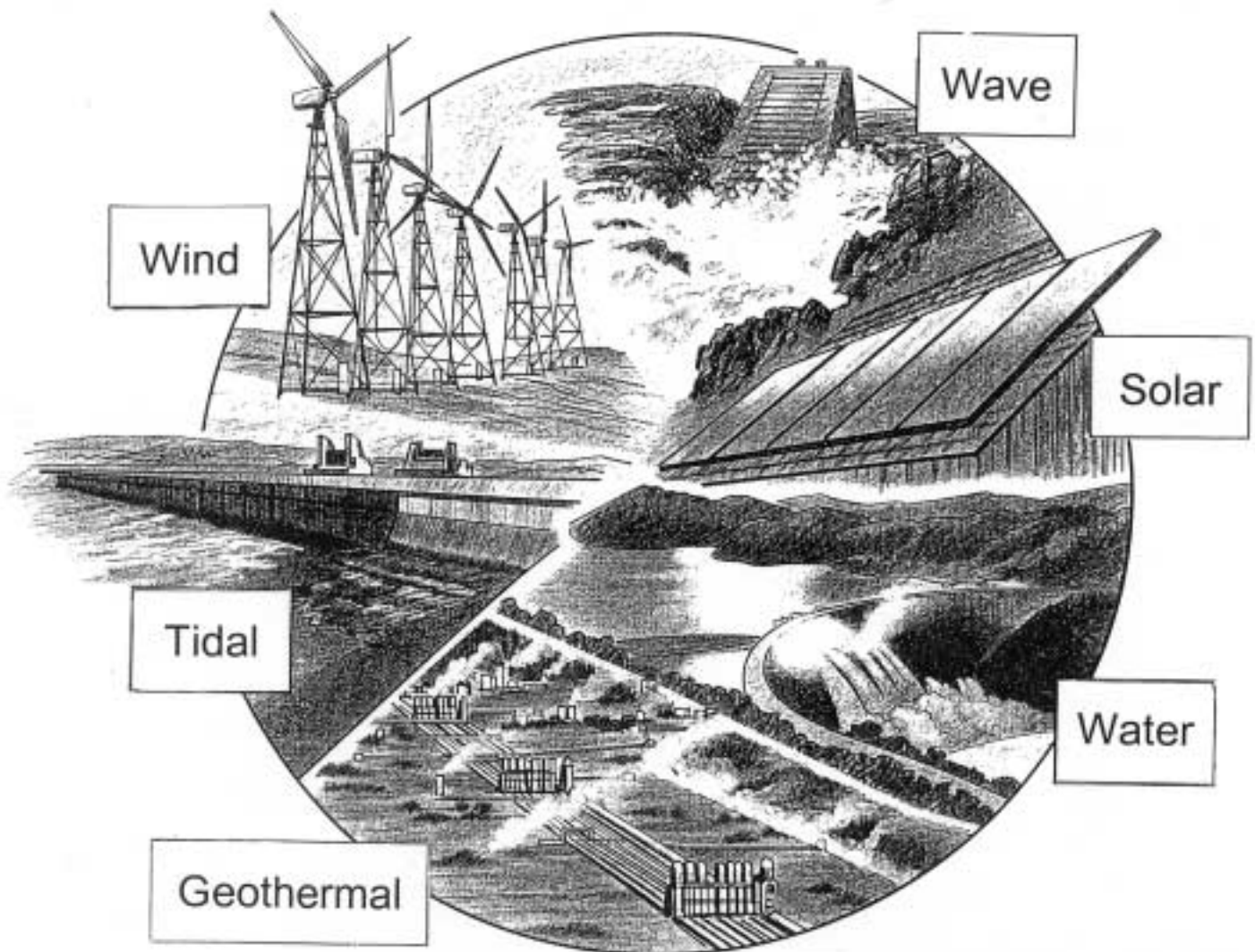
You are advised to use examples to illustrate your answers where appropriate.

- 1 The diagram shows many types of renewable energy.

The UK government has the stated aim that renewable energy will contribute 10% of all energy used in the UK by 2020.

How far do you think that this is a worthwhile aim?

(12 marks)

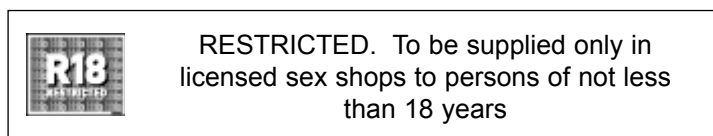
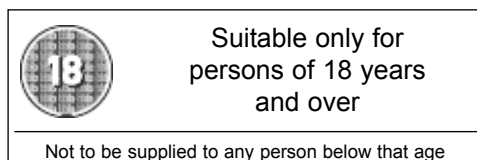
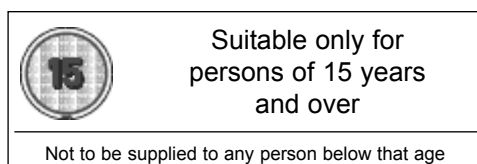
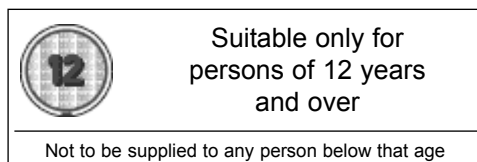
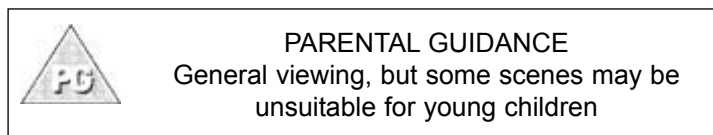
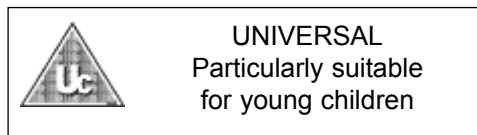
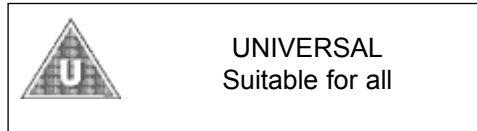


Source: DAVID WAUGH & TONY BUSHELL, *Key Geography: Connections* (Stanley Thornes), 1995

- 2 Using the source as a starting point, discuss the desirability of media censorship in the UK. (12 marks)



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Source: British Board of Film Classification, June 2004

Turn over ►

3 Prisons are full to capacity and the prison population is rising.

How far should we make more use of alternatives to prison? Give reasons to support your answer.

(12 marks)

Number of persons in prison	
1996	50,000
1998	62,000
2000	64,000
2002	71,000

Source: Home Office, *Social Trends*, 2003

- 4 How far do you believe that there is less respect for authority figures in the UK today? (12 marks)

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The excluded item was a satirical cartoon featuring Gordon Brown and Tony Blair.



Turn over ►

5 To what extent do you agree with the view that all regulators are toothless watchdogs? (12 marks)

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Source: Office of Communications, June 2004

*Regulator - watchdog

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