

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**GENERAL STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B)
Unit 1 Conflict**

GSB1

Friday 13 January 2006 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- 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 GSB1.
- Answer **four** 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.
- Each question carries 15 marks.
- 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 all answers.

Answer **four** questions.

Write your answers in continuous prose.

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

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 1 Discuss the arguments for and against genetically modified (GM) food.

- 2 All the major soap operas on television have many similarities and few differences.
How far do you accept this view?

- 3 The use of modern technology for surveillance purposes is an unacceptable intrusion into our lives.
How far do you agree with this view?

- 4 It is the critics who decide what is a work of art.
To what extent do you agree with this viewpoint?

- 5 Discuss the view that there are no benefits to society from the takeover of one company by another.

- 6 Social mobility means people moving from one social class to another.
To what extent are there greater opportunities for this to happen today?

END OF QUESTIONS