



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2009

General Studies (Specification B)

GENB1

Unit 1 Conflict

Thursday 8 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 GENB1.
- Answer **three** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- There are 30 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- All questions should be answered in continuous prose.

Advice

- Where appropriate use examples to illustrate your answer.

Answer **three** questions.

Write your answers in continuous prose.

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

There are 30 marks for each question.

- 1 Pressure groups exist to bring about change on a range of issues such as world poverty or animal welfare.

How far do you agree that pressure groups do bring about change?

You might consider:

- the issues on which pressure groups campaign
- the impact that pressure groups might have
- the place of pressure groups in a democratic society. *(30 marks)*

- 2 The work of artists such as Picasso, writers such as Shakespeare and composers such as Mozart hold little appeal for the majority of people.

Discuss whether or not the arts are truly open to us all.

You might consider:

- what we mean by ‘the arts’
- how easy it is for us to access and enjoy the arts
- the value we place on the arts. *(30 marks)*

- 3 Of every £7 spent by consumers in the UK, £1 is spent at Tesco supermarkets.

To what extent are large supermarket chains a positive thing for consumers?

You might consider:

- the range of services offered by large supermarket chains
- how competition might benefit customers
- whether biggest is always best. *(30 marks)*

4 'People in the news should expect their lives to be open to public scrutiny.'

How far do you agree that such people give up their right to privacy?

You might consider:

- why people's lives become newsworthy
- the rights and responsibilities of people in the news
- the value we attach to having a private life.

(30 marks)

5 'People have always been aggressive towards each other – it is a natural instinct.'

Discuss whether or not aggression is a natural instinct that is beyond our control.

You might consider:

- the nature of aggressive behaviour
- in what circumstances people become aggressive
- why some people are more or less aggressive than others.

(30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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