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General Studies (Specification B)

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Unit 2 Space

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Source Booklet for use with **Questions 1, 2 and 3**

Study **Sources A** and **B** and then answer **Question 1**.

Source A

United Kingdom Balance of Trade, 2001–2009

Trade in Services (invisible earnings)

Figures in £ million

<i>Selected categories</i>	2001	2005	2009
Travel	-13 226	-15 910	-13 015
Communications	41	496	517
Insurance	2 905	661	7 327
Financial	15 107	19 460	32 919
Computer and information	2 078	3 749	3 084
General business	12 420	16 794	14 493
Total	19 325	25 250	45 325

Trade in Goods (visible earnings)

Figures in £ million

<i>Selected categories</i>	2001	2005	2009
Food, drink and tobacco	-8 855	-13 048	-17 773
Raw materials	-3 871	-2 789	-2 394
Oil	5 290	-2 195	-3 136
Coal, gas and electricity	301	-2 230	-5 068
Semi-manufactured goods	-2 615	-2 797	-3 128
Finished manufactured goods	-31 221	-44 809	-49 674
Total	-40 971	-67 868	-81 173

Source B

Trade in Consumer Goods other than Cars, 1999–2009



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Study **Sources C** and **D** and then answer **Question 2**.

Source C



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Source D



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Study **Source E** and then answer **Question 3**.

Source E

A Religious View of the Environment

It's so difficult to accept that we're not in charge and, when we are told that we are not in charge, it usually feels humiliating. It sounds like denying us our right to make the decisions that suit us.

God tells humans that they mustn't dare imagine that they can understand the universe He has made: He seems to mock our weakness and leave us helpless. But we're not completely helpless and that's rather important when we need to work out the best steps to take to avoid environmental disaster. There really are things we can do, and it doesn't help to think we're all doomed. God is not telling people to step back from acting and making a difference. This world is not there just for you. It's a wild and diverse world, often threatening, sometimes just baffling; but it's a world that the stars and the angels look at with overflowing joy, a world that is both regular in all sorts of ways that we can grasp by observation and science and also unpredictable.

Much of our environmental crisis comes from the half-hidden assumption that the ideal position for us humans is being completely in control, being able to make nature do whatever we want it to. Yet, if we are ourselves part of nature, not some mysterious extra standing outside the natural processes of our environment, we can hardly expect that our own plans and desires should be able to dictate what happens in the whole of that universe. They are just one little part of the working of the universe and should not upset the balance of things. The hard challenge is acquiring a sort of 'feel' for that balance – which means being able to look long and hard at what we think we want or need, what we take for granted about what makes a good life.

This means learning to relate to the world around us in something of the same way we relate to other people. St Francis used to refer to the things of the physical creation as members of the family – Brother Sun, Sister Water and so on. He saw the universe around him as a set of relationships in which he had a share.

We're not going to get very far in responding to the desperate problems of our environment – climate change, deforestation and the limited supplies of fossil fuels – if we cannot recognise that we are a part of the whole. We must think of the world around us as a sort of family life and not try to control everything or bend it to our own agenda. Then perhaps we shall be better able to work out how we can live on this extraordinary planet without killing it.

Source: adapted from a sermon by ROWAN WILLIAMS, The Archbishop of Canterbury, 4 October 2009
www.archbishopofcanterbury.org

END OF SOURCES