



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## General Studies (Specification B)

## GENB1

Unit 1 Conflict

Thursday 17 May 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-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

- There are 30 marks for each question.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- 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

- You should use examples to illustrate your answers.

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Events such as *Theatre in the Park* and the *BBC Proms* concerts help to make the arts accessible to everyone.

How far do you agree that we all have access to the arts?

You might consider:

- the place of both the popular arts and the high arts
- what helps and what hinders access to the arts
- why people consider the arts to be important.

(30 marks)

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Ordinary people are often praised for the extraordinary work they do to improve their community.

Discuss what factors might help communities to become better places in which to live.

You might consider:

- what we mean by a 'community'
- what might improve a community
- the importance of community values.

(30 marks)

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'The development of genetically modified crops is offered as a solution to the world food shortage.'

Discuss whether we should be concerned about this and other recent scientific developments.

You might consider:

- a range of scientific developments
- the impact for individuals and for society
- whether it is right to carry out such developments.

(30 marks)

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Most shopping centres in the UK have the same shops: Marks and Spencer, Topshop and Boots are just a few.

To what extent do such large chain stores benefit consumers?

You might consider:

- why consumers might choose to shop in a large chain store
- the service offered by large chain stores
- whether chain stores can offer quality.

*(30 marks)*

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'We have a right to know about the lives of those in the public eye.'

How far do you agree with this view?

You might consider:

- how people come to be in the public eye
- the rights and responsibilities of people in the public eye
- the value we attach to having a private life.

*(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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