

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

GENERAL STUDIES

2964

THE SOCIAL DOMAIN 1

Monday

23 MAY 2005

Afternoon

1 hour 15 minutes

Additional materials:
Answer booklet.

TIME 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers in the answer booklet.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- **Where an answer requires a piece of extended writing, the quality of your written communication will be assessed, including clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, grammar, punctuation and spelling.**
- You may use an approved calculator.

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Section A

Answer all questions in this section.

1

'On the up or down?'

Walking along the streets.....

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An extract from 'McCarthy's Bar' by Pete McCarthy. ISBN: 0340 76605 0

.....shops displaying kitsch souvenirs...

(from McCarthy's Bar by Pete McCarthy, Sceptre: Hodder and Stoughton, 2000. ISBN 0340 76605 0)

Explain the meaning of each of the following as used in the extract:

- (a) 'traditional houses' (line 2) [3]
- (b) 'fanatics' (line 4) [3]
- (c) 'gaggles of affluent' (line 5) [3]
- (d) 'tentative' (line 7) [3]
- (e) 'highly visible tourist infrastructure' (line 9) [3]
- (f) 'things used to be random' (line 10) [3]
- (g) 'cusp of a change' (line 11) [3]

- 2 Look at Fig. 1 that shows how a resort or tourist destination might change with time.

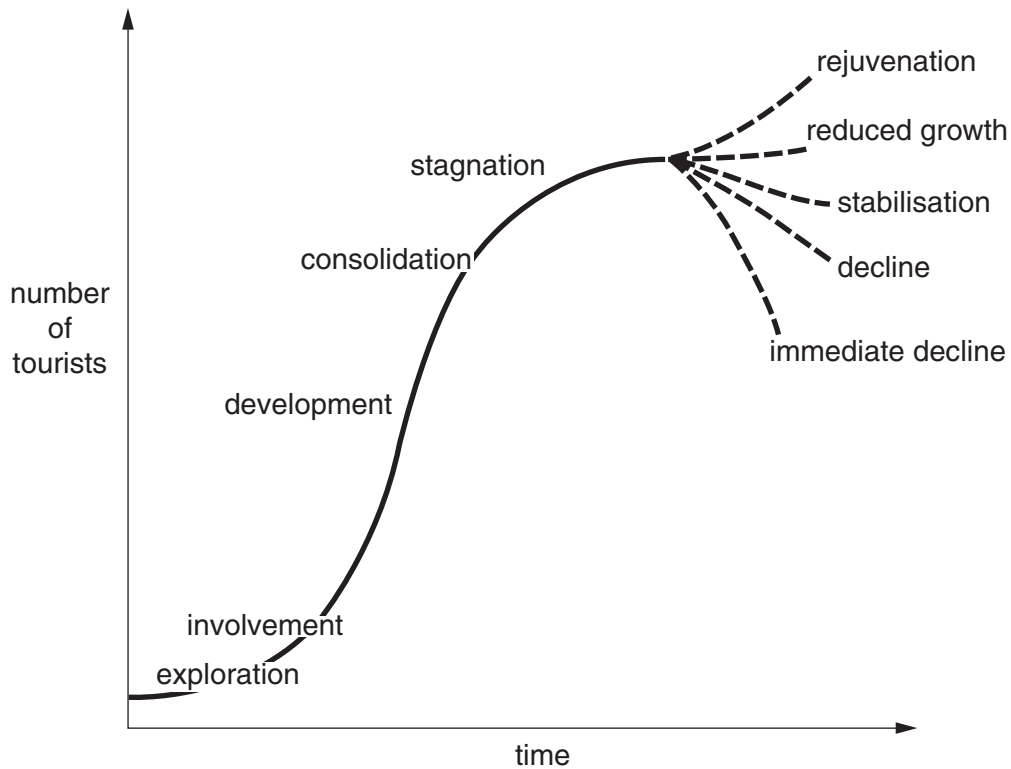


Fig. 1 Stages in the development of some resorts and tourist destinations

- (a) Many tourist centres pass through the stages shown in Fig. 1. From evidence in the passage, at which stage would you place the town described? Justify your answer. [6]
- (b) Suggest **three** advantages and **three** disadvantages of the changes described for the people living in the town. [18]
- (c) Using your own experience of a place you know, suggest, giving **two** reasons, at which stage you would place it on Fig. 1. [5]

Total [50] marks

Section B

Answer one question from this section. Answers must be in continuous prose.

- 3 (a) In the UK the maximum period in office for a government is five years. Many Prime Ministers call an early election. Describe and explain four factors likely to influence the Prime Minister's decision to call an election before the end of the five year period. [10]
- (b) The Prime Minister is to appoint a new Secretary of State (Minister in the cabinet) to the Department for Education and Skills. Describe and justify five criteria that might be used to select this new Minister. [40]
- 4 (a) Today most parents leave their wealth and possessions to be divided equally between their children. Traditionally some families have left their estates to their eldest son. Describe the advantages of each of these arrangements. [10]
- (b) Some political parties argue that they can 'build a fairer society' through higher taxes. Other parties argue that lower taxes are the way to a similarly fair society. What are the arguments in favour of each of these approaches? [40]
- 5 (a) Many people leaving school have some idea of the work they would like to do in adult life. How can work experience both help and hinder them in their choice of career? [10]
- (b) Working from home has become increasingly popular with employers and employees. Assess the advantages and disadvantages of this new pattern. [40]

To tal [50] marks