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Advanced GCE

GENERAL STUDIES

THE SOCIAL DOMAIN 2 (COURSEWORK)

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Additional materials:

Teachers' Instructions 2967/IT
Resource Booklet 2967/RB

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Assignment Theme: 'Ideologies and values in the local community'.
- The total number of available marks for this assignment is 90.

This assignment consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Social Domain 2

Guidance for candidates

The assignment for Unit 2967 comprises 15% of the A-level award. Your assignment should reflect the content of the unit:

- ideologies and values;
- explanation and evaluation of human behaviour;
- the relationship between law, culture and ethics.

Assignment Brief – Ideologies and values in the local community

Developments and changes can be identified in our economic and social life nationally. These are often experienced as particular events/effects at a local level. For example, a national policy to improve the country's primary routes may lead to the proposal for the building of a by-pass, around a rural village. There would then be a local debate over the issues surrounding this initiative.

Other possible national initiatives or recognised changes and the local event they might give rise to include:

<i>Changes in retailing:</i>	'a new supermarket on the edge of town'.
<i>Structural changes in industry:</i>	'local industrial closure/opening'.
<i>Environmental issues:</i>	'expansion of a local quarry', 'proposed in-fill refuse site'.
<i>Decline in rural amenities:</i>	'closing of village post office/shop', 'changes in public transport services'.
<i>Housing provision:</i>	'significant new housing developments', 'affordable housing in rural areas', 'social housing'.
<i>Ageing population:</i>	'housing and social provision for older people'.
<i>Urban traffic problems:</i>	'new parking restrictions', 'one-way systems', 'pedestrianisation', 'park and ride schemes', 'urban charging'.

With reference to an area or a community you know well:

- Identify a recent national development or change in **economic and/or social** life. Describe the effect at a local level.
- Explore and analyse the issues surrounding the local response to this change, by interviewing an appropriate sample of people in the local community. Demonstrate how views vary between two or more different groups of people.
- Outline how you would expect two political parties to diverge in their response to the issues. Is there any evidence from sources such as the local media that this has happened?
- Suggest your personal solutions **OR** describe official initiatives, evaluating **EITHER** with reference to local opinion.

Specification of responses

Project reports should normally include:

- a title;
- a review of evidence and the development of the topic;
- a plan;
- coherent use of appropriate terms;
- clear tabulation of any data collected;
- analysis of the issues raised;
- appropriate illustrative material such as graphs, charts, statistics, and photographs;
- clarification of the dilemmas raised;
- critical analysis of the methods used and the recognition of facts and opinions;
- relevant conclusions and the reliability of results;
- a list of source materials used (which may include the Internet and CD Rom).

Where data/information is collected through unstructured interviews, some record of the interview should appear in the Appendix.

Submission of your assignment

Make sure your name and centre number is on each page of your assignment.

Put your work in order and number all pages. Prepare a contents page and a short synopsis.

If you wish to use your assignment as Key Skills evidence, you should keep an electronic or hard copy.

Hand your completed assignment to your teacher.

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