

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

GENERAL STUDIES

2964

THE SOCIAL DOMAIN 1

Monday

22 MAY 2006

Afternoon

1 hour 15 minutes

Additional materials:
8 page 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 of the questions in this section.

- 1 The following summaries are taken from Labour Party documents in 1945 and 2004. They summarise those parts referring to economic policy.

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Details: The Labour Party Manifesto in 1945 'Let Us Face the Future' about an industrial programme taken from www.labour-party.org.uk/manifestos/1945

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Details: The Labour Party Briefing Document in 2004 'The Choices for Britain' taken from www.labour-party.org.uk/economicstability

State, briefly, what you understand by the following terms:

- (a) Party Manifesto (line 1) [3]
- (b) Public ownership (line 4) [3]
- (c) basic skills (line 16) [3]
- (d) Invest (line 18) [3]
- (e) minimum wage (line 19) [3]

- 2 (a) Identify, in your own words, **five** differences in the statements in 1945 from those in 2004. Suggest a reason for each of the differences. [15]
- (b) (i) Choose **one** of the statements from the 1945 manifesto and explain why some people might disagree with it today. [10]
- (ii) Choose **one** of the statements from the 2004 briefing notes and explain why some people might disagree with it today. [10]

[Total: 50]

Section B

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

- 3 (a) A petrol filling station recently advertised for a cashier at £5 per hour. It would take the cashier 6000 hours (750 eight-hour days) to earn the equivalent of the weekly wage of an international entertainer. Suggest **three** ways in which this difference can be justified. [10]
- (b) Employers are always keen to make their workforce more effective and efficient. To what extent is it just a matter of employers offering more money to the workforce? [40]
- 4 (a) Suggest **one** meaning for **each** of the following quotations:
- ‘Voters don’t decide issues, they decide who decides issues’
(George F Will, Newsweek, March 1976),
- ‘If voting made any difference, they would never have allowed it’ (Anon, 2003). [10]
- (b) To what extent do the advantages of holding a national referendum outweigh the disadvantages? [40]
- 5 (a) The UK remains short of affordable housing. Briefly outline **four** ways in which more affordable houses could be made available. [10]
- (b) House prices fluctuate but in the long term they tend to rise in many parts of the UK. Assess the advantages and disadvantages of this trend. [40]

[Total: 50]

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