

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE UNIT GENERAL STUDIES

The Cultural Domain

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Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

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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.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- You are advised to divide your time equally between Sections A and B.
- 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.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

• Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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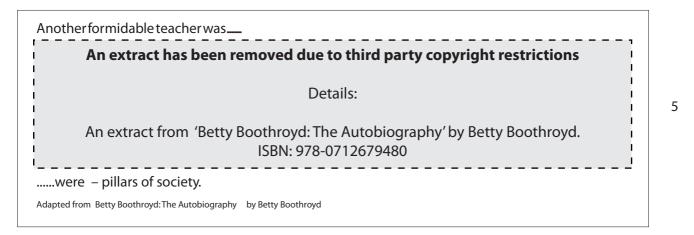
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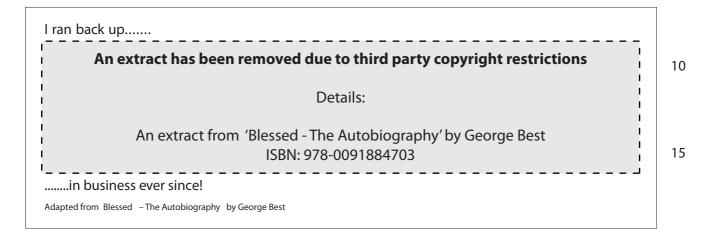
Section A

The following sources are concerned with the school experiences of two famous people. Study them carefully and then answer all of the questions that follow.

SOURCE 1: Betty Boothroyd, former Speaker of the House of Commons



SOURCE 2: George Best, footballer



Source 1

1	(a)	(i)	Give two characteristics of what Betty might regard as a 'formidable teacher', su	uch as
			Miss Fox. [line 1]	[4]

- (ii) By considering the phrase 'the school belongs to all the girls not just one' [line 3], give two examples of how any school might try to promote shared values.
- (b) With reference to beliefs and values, explain, in your own words, the phrases:
 - (i) 'a good basic education' [line 4] [2]
 - (ii) 'pillars of society' [line 7] [2]
- (c) Suggest two ways in which Betty's school might be different from your own in terms of the beliefs and values that it promotes.
 [4]

Source 2

- 2 (a) Suggest and explain one reason for the way George's friends reacted to his news. [line 9] [3]
 - (b) Give two reasons why George's father acted as he did. [4]
 - (c) Leaving school is a major event in anyone's life. With reference to **each** of the following groups of people, suggest at least **two** ways, positive **or** negative, in which **each** might influence your beliefs and values as you finally leave school.
 - (i) Family.
 - (ii) Friends.
 - (iii) Teachers.

[25]

Total [50] marks

Section **B**

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

3 (a) Outline three reasons some people might give for their belief in **one** of the following:

Extra-terrestrial life		
The Supernatural		

[10]

- (b) Discuss the proposal that the UK should have one single religion, referring to at least two advantages and two disadvantages in support of your ideas. [40]
- 4 (a) Briefly outline three ways in which cultural differences might cause conflict in a sixth form. [10]
 - (b) Identify two cultural groups which have had or continue to have a history of international conflict with each other. Discuss at least two reasons for this conflict and outline how it might be resolved. [40]
- 5 (a) Should all public figures be allowed a right to privacy? Briefly outline three reasons in support of your answer. [10]
 - (b) Identify and discuss at least two advantages and two disadvantages of the media having the power to influence the general public. You may choose from any media source or any era in history. [40]

Total [50] marks

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