

**ADVANCED GCE
GENERAL STUDIES**

2967/AS

The Social Domain 2 (Coursework)

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Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Resource Booklet 2967/RB



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Assignment Themes: 'Ideologies and Values'
 'Explanation and Evaluation of Human Behaviour'
 'The Relationship between Law, Culture and Ethics'
- The total number of available marks for this assignment is **90**.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Guidance for candidates

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

- Ideologies and Values
- Explanation and Evaluation of Human Behaviour
- The Relationship between Law, Culture and Ethics

Assignment Brief – Exploring situations where the rights and liberties of the individual conflict with the needs and wishes of a community.

The use of violence by extreme political, religious and other campaigning groups has led to a demand that government should react strongly to prevent it. That reaction could include detention without trial or invasions of privacy such as telephone tapping. In a very different sphere, there is a significant economic argument for a new runway and terminal at London Airport, but those whose homes will be compulsorily bulldozed may well feel that their right to occupy their own property in peace has been violated. These two examples raise the whole issue of the extent to which the rights and liberties of the individual should be sacrificed for the possible benefit to a community as a whole.

Other possible areas of concern in which rights and liberties of the individual can come into conflict with the needs and wishes of a community are:

freedom of speech, for example advocating unpopular or inflammatory views

freedom of movement, for example for asylum seekers or travellers

planning, for example the impact of a hypermarket on established and 'traditional' retailers

journalism, for example the publication of cartoons or articles which some might find offensive

lifestyle choice, for example same-sex marriage

education, for example the desire for 'faith' or single sex schools

pollution, for example using pesticides and fertilizers which can affect ground water quality

transport, for example banning private cars in the centre of a city.

With reference to an area of concern in which the rights and liberties of the individual might come into conflict with the needs and wishes of a community, you are required to write a report that covers **all** the following tasks:

- (a) Identify an area of concern in which the rights and liberties of the individual can conflict with the needs and wishes of a community. Examine and analyse the issues surrounding this area.
- (b) Explore different viewpoints, sampling a range of socio-economic groups.
- (c) Outline the responses that you might expect from people of conservative, liberal and socialist beliefs towards the issue.
- (d) Suggest your personal solution to the issue, considering both ideological and practical approaches.

Specification of responses

Project reports should normally include:

- a title
- a review of the 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 an assessment of the reliability of results
- a list of the source materials used (which may include the Internet and CD ROM).

The report has a maximum word limit of 3000 words, which includes a short synopsis (about 50 words) and appendices.

Submission of your assignment

Make sure your name and centre number are 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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