



**ADVANCED GCE
GENERAL STUDIES**

The Social Domain 2 (Coursework)

2967/AS

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OCR Supplied Materials:

- Resource Booklet (2967/RB)

Other Materials Required:

None



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**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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

Extract from the UN Charter

“To ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest.”

The theme is to explore the justification for the use of armed force by nations or groups and consider whether the justification ‘in the common interest’, offered in the UN charter, has been abused or used properly in accordance with the high ideals of the founders of the UN. Examples of the use of armed force are suggested below, but the list is not intended to be in any way prescriptive.

ETA in Spain – the Basque separatist issue
 Kosovo – the NATO intervention
 Afghanistan
 Iraq – both or either of the two recent conflicts
 The Falklands War
 Sudan – the civil war
 Rwanda – the Tutsi/Hutu conflict and genocide
 Congo
 Cambodia
 Vietnam
 Liberia

- (a) Identify an occasion in recent decades when armed force has been used, where some or all of the participants have argued they have been acting in the “common interest”. Examine why the situation has led to armed force being used.
- (b) Explore different viewpoints on the justification for the use of armed force in the case specified, sampling a range of groups and views.
- (c) Outline the response you might expect from people of different political perspectives towards this issue.
- (d) Suggest your personal response to the issue, having considered both ideological and pragmatic 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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