

General Certificate of Education
June 2004
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



HOME ECONOMICS
Unit 1 The Consumer and Society

HEC1

Friday 28 May 2004 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

- an 8-page answer book;

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use a blue or black ink (or ball-point) pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HEC1.
- Answer **both** questions.
- Fasten any supplementary sheets you use to the answer book before handing it to the invigilator at the end of the examination.

Information

- The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or sub-question.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Answer **both** questions

Each question carries 30 marks

- 1 (a) Define the term '**poverty**'. (2 marks)
- (b) What were the main areas of focus in the 1942 Beveridge Report? (5 marks)
- (c) Using the table below, discuss the distribution of social security expenditure. (8 marks)

| Distribution of social security expenditure | |
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| Retirement Pension | 37.2% |
| Income Support | 12.3% |
| Housing Benefit | 11.7% |
| Child Benefit | 7.6% |
| Incapacity Benefit | 7.6% |
| Disability Living Allowance | 5.6% |
| Jobseeker's Allowance | 3.7% |
| Attendance Allowance | 2.8% |
| Council Tax Benefit | 2.6% |
| Family Credit | 2.5% |
| War Pension | 1.3% |
| Others | 5.1% |

Source: *The Changing Welfare State* (Department of Social Security, 2000)

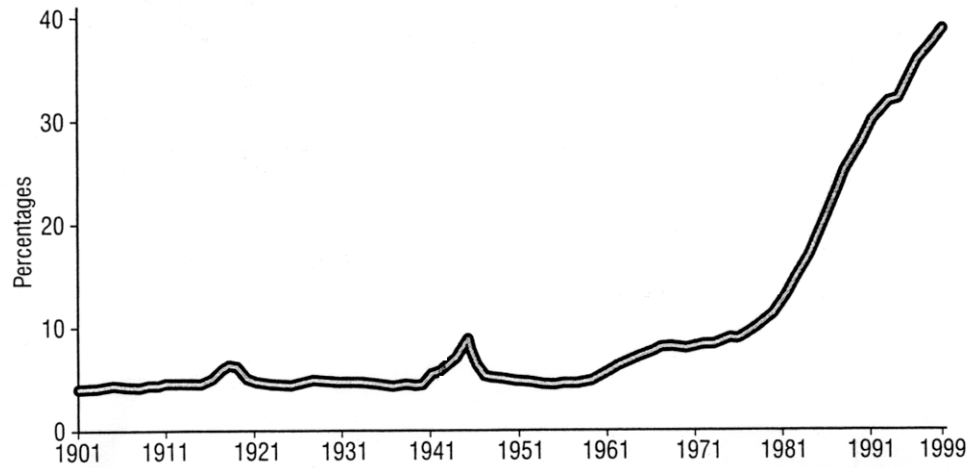
- (d) Explain the change in 'dependency ratios' in the UK. (5 marks)
- (e) Discuss the effects of unemployment on **two** of the following:
- the individual
 - the family
 - society
- (10 marks)

- 2 (a) Describe and account for the trends given in the graph below, from 1945 to the present day.

(8 marks)

Births outside marriage

Births outside marriage as percentage of all live births, UK



Source: Office for National Statistics; General Register Office for Scotland, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

Source: Social Trends 31 (The Stationery Office, 2001)

- (b) Discuss the composition and social factors affecting the family since 1945. (10 marks)
- (c) Explain how the changes in the family structure affect the provision of housing **or** healthcare in the UK today. (8 marks)
- (d) Outline the role of **one** organisation that offers support to lone parents in the community. (4 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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