

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



HOME ECONOMICS
Unit 1 The Consumer and Society

HEC1

Thursday 24 May 2007 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book

You may use a calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- 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.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this unit is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers written in continuous prose.

Answer **both** questions.

- 1 (a) Define the term 'poverty'. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Identify the main areas of the Beveridge Report (1945) and discuss their contribution in establishing the wide range of social provision in the UK. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Using the table below describe and account for the national projections of the UK population over the period 2006 to 2036. *(8 marks)*

Projected populations of the constituent countries of the United Kingdom (in millions)

Year	2006	2016	2026	2036
United Kingdom	59 834	61 891	64 727	67 013
England	50 094	51 967	54 605	56 832
Wales	2 952	3 037	3 165	3 256
Scotland	5 078	5 120	5 127	5 065
Northern Ireland	1 710	1 767	1 830	1 860

- (d) Explain how demographic characteristics affect the priorities of social provision in the UK today. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Discuss the benefits of living in multi-cultural Britain today. Your response should make reference to:

- the individual;
- the family;
- society.

(12 marks)

(b) Describe and explain the reasons for homelessness identified in the chart below.

(10 marks)

	Reasons for Homelessness					
	No longer willing or able to remain with			Breakdown of relationship with partner	Mortgage arrears	Rent arrears or other reason for loss of rented or tied accommodation
	parents	relatives or friends	parents, relatives or friends			
England	19000	15000	34000	22000	2000	24000
Wales	20000	9000	29000	26000	4000	25000
Scotland	17000	14000	31000	26000	1000	8000
Northern Ireland	–	–	19000	12000	1000	11000

Source: Adapted from Office of the Deputy Prime Minister; National Assembly for Wales; Scottish Executive; Department for Social Development, Northern Ireland

(c) Describe a range of strategies to save domestic energy.

(8 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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