

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



SOCIAL SCIENCE: CITIZENSHIP
Unit 3 The Citizen, Society and the Community

SSC3

Thursday 22 May 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 SSC3.
- Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- Where appropriate, you should use local and/or national and/or international examples and/or case studies.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question carries 30 marks.

1 Read the source below and answer parts (a) to (c) which follow.

Social exclusion: the issue explained

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The source explains what social exclusion is and describes policies the government has set up to promote participation in society.

Your answers should refer to the source as appropriate, but you should also include other relevant information.

- (a) Briefly explain **two** reasons why it might be difficult to measure the number of homeless people in society. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Briefly examine the reasons why some groups of citizens may suffer social exclusion in contemporary society. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Assess the ways in which governments can attempt to end social exclusion. *(16 marks)*

EITHER

- 2 (a) Briefly examine how people may experience prejudice and discrimination on the basis of **one** of the following:
- age;
 - or** disability;
 - or** gender. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Assess the extent to which socialisation processes create an individual's identity. *(20 marks)*

OR

- 3 (a) Briefly examine why local pressure groups may fail to achieve their aims. *(10 marks)*
- (b) 'Government policies in the UK have failed to reduce discrimination.' Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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