

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



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

**SSC3**

Monday 20 January 2003 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**In addition to this paper you will require:**  
a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use 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 SSC3.
- Answer **Question 1** and **either Question 2 or Question 3**.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- 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 of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

**Advice**

- Where appropriate you should use local and/or national and/or international examples and/or case studies.

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

Each question carries 40 marks.

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1 Read **Sources A, B and C** and answer parts (a) to (d) which follow.

**Source A**

The small market town of Nantborough lies in the heart of the beautiful countryside of Southland. Although primarily based on farming and tourism, the local economy also has a major manufacturing plant owned by Fyreborg (USA), employing over 400 workers and situated on the edge of the town. The Fyreborg Corporation is a multi-national corporation with manufacturing plants in eleven different countries, mostly in the Far East.

Nantborough is connected by a good dual carriageway road to the large city of Oldcastle, which is about 20 miles away. There are also very good rail links between Nantborough and Oldcastle, as well as a regional airport some 15 miles from Nantborough. This excellent transport network has meant that the town has started to expand as more and more people move there in order to commute into Oldcastle.

**Source B**

**Fyreborg Plant to Close with Loss of 300 Jobs**

The Fyreborg Corporation yesterday announced that production at its Nantborough plant would cease in two months time. Management said that production costs at similar plants in the Far East were less than a third of production costs in Britain and that it had no other choice but to transfer the bulk of its UK production to its operations overseas. Fyreborg will maintain a research and development unit at the Nantborough plant, but the closure of the main production line would mean the loss of 300, mainly semi-skilled, manual jobs.

from the *Nantborough Echo*, June 2002

**Source C**

**Press Release: Joint Trades Union Negotiating Committee Fyreborg Plant**

At a mass meeting of workers at the threatened Fyreborg plant in Nantborough, there was unanimous support for a campaign against the management decision to axe 300 jobs. Workers at the plant, represented by three trade unions, have decided to set up an action group to co-ordinate this campaign. A union representative stated that, "The decision to keep the research and development unit at Nantborough, but transfer the manual jobs outside the UK, smacks of a divide and rule strategy by Fyreborg". A further meeting, at which possible courses of action will be discussed, is planned for tomorrow.

**1 (cont.)**

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

- (a) Give **two** reasons why Fyreborg intends to keep its research and development unit in Britain, but move its production to the Far East. *(4 marks)*
- (b) Examine some of the ways in which the community of Nantborough is likely to be affected by the redundancies at Fyreborg. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Examine how the media are likely to cover the issue of the threatened closure of the Fyreborg plant. *(12 marks)*
- (d) Identify some of the ways the trade unions at the Fyreborg plant could campaign against the proposed job cuts **and** assess how likely these ways are to be successful. *(14 marks)*

**EITHER**

- 2 (a) Examine some of the ways in which the behaviour of individuals is influenced by the socialisation process. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Examine some of the differences in life-chances between men and women. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Assess the claim that the mass media exert little influence on the way people think and behave. *(20 marks)*

**OR**

- 3 (a) Examine some of the ways in which governments have tried to reduce discrimination in Britain. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Examine some of the ways in which different groups of pupils may be treated unequally by the education system. *(10 marks)*
- (c) Assess the claim that there is no such thing as poverty in the UK today. *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**