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# Public Services

**Level 3**

## **Unit 3: Accountability and Funding for Public Services**

Wednesday 18 January 2012 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference  
**PS303/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**  
**You cannot take the guidance sheet or any of your research into the examination.**

Total Marks

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### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**Answer ALL questions.**

**Questions 1 to 4 are not directly linked to the pre-release material but you may use examples from that material in your answers if you wish.**

**1** Public Private Partnerships (PPP) are an alternative source of finance for public service provision.

Identify **three** reasons why central and local governments enter into these partnerships.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)**

**2** Public sector organisations receive direct funding from a range of sources.

Describe **one** source of public sector funding.

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**(Total for Question 2 = 3 marks)**



**3** Many UK public sector projects and enterprises are contracted out to private and third sector organisations.

(a) Explain **one** advantage for a public service sector organisation of contracting out service provision.

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(b) Explain **one** disadvantage for a public service sector organisation of contracting out service provision.

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**(Total for Question 3 = 6 marks)**



4 Local government uses various methods to measure and improve efficiency.

(a) Explain how benchmarking is used to measure and improve efficiency.

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(b) Evaluate the use of cost centres within a public sector organisation.

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**(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)**



Questions 5 to 8 are based on the pre-release material.

This question refers to pre-release material Section 1: UK Public Opinion on the European Union.

5 Evidence relating to UK public opinion on EU membership has been collected by the Eurobarometer survey.

This is an extract from the House of Commons UK Public Opinion on the European Union paper SN/IA/5442.

**Table 1. Key indicators and five-year trends in the UK and EU sentiment (in %)**

		EB61 Spring 2004	EB63 Spring 2005	EB65 Spring 2006	EB67 Spring 2007	EB69 Spring 2008	EB71 Summer 2009
Trust in the EU	UK	19	27	31	36	29	22
	EU	41	44	48	57	50	47
Trust in the European Commission	UK	26	31	28	29	24	22
	EU	47	46	47	52	47	44
Trust in the European Parliament	UK	30	35	31	33	27	22
	EU	54	52	52	56	52	48
Trust in the National Government	UK	19	31	30	34	24	21
	EU	30	34	35	41	32	32
Trust in the National Parliament	UK	25	36	36	41	27	17
	EU	35	35	38	43	34	32



With reference to **Table 1**, analyse the UK public's opinions about membership of the EU.

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**(Total for Question 5 = 8 marks)**



**This question refers to pre-release material Section 2: the North West Fire and Rescue Services PFI Project.**

- 6** As a result of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) project to improve facilities, the North West Fire and Rescue Services decided to rebuild a number of its fire stations.

Justify the choice of this project.

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**(Total for Question 6 = 8 marks)**

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**This question refers to pre-release material Section 2: the North West Fire and Rescue Services PFI Project or any wider research undertaken as part of this unit.**

8 All public service organisations are accountable to the public.

Assess how public service organisations demonstrate their accountability.

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**(Total for Question 8 = 10 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS**



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