



# General Certificate of Secondary Education

## General Studies 3761

### *Paper 2 Foundation Tier*

# Mark Scheme

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# GCSE General Studies

## Paper 2 Tier F

### Question 1

In your answer to this question you should refer to **Source 1**.

Explain the reasons behind **three** of the parts of the ‘The Press Complaints Commission’ (PCC) Code of Practice (**Source 1**).

Skills Descriptors	Marks	Content Descriptors
Simple interpretation / selection of pre-released material.  (Where points are lifted straight from the source, without elaboration, the maximum mark is 3.)	(1–3)	Need for accuracy, public’s right to know, respect for privacy, public interest etc.
Some cross-referencing of material – linking figures within the document.	(4–5)	sees possible conflicts between rights of individual and needs of society.

**Question 2**

In your answer to this question you should refer to **Sources 2, 3 and 4**.

Say how the account given in **Source 2** supports or contradicts the information in **Sources 3 and 4**.

Skills Descriptors	Marks	Content Descriptors
<p>Simple interpretation / selection of pre-released material.</p> <p>(Where points are lifted straight from the source, without elaboration, the maximum mark is 3.)</p>	(1-3)	<p>Source 2 – Fiona Millar’s experience of the PCC was entirely negative – she found that the Mail on Sunday wrote inaccurately then refused to act to put this right.</p> <p>Source 3 – Argument for a free press – puts forward the idea that the British media ought to be more accountable and ought to check facts before publication.</p> <p>Source 4 – PCC Myths Exposed – simple selection of statements taken as truth e.g. PCC is independent, it helps ordinary people.</p>
<p>Some cross-referencing of material – linking ideas in different documents.</p>	(4-5)	<p>Sees contradiction between Source 2 and Source 4 – i.e. Millar’s experience of the PCC was that it was completely toothless – the Mail on Sunday printed what it liked then nothing was done about it.</p> <p>Might see the sense of Source 3 as being half way between Source 2 and Source 4 (Likely in very strong answers only).</p>

<p><b>Question 3</b></p> <p>In your answer to this question you should refer to <b>all the Sources (1 to 5)</b> as well as using <b>your own knowledge</b>.</p> <p>How do you think that press freedom might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a good thing for society</li> <li>• a bad thing for some individuals?</li> </ul>		
<p>As this is, by its very nature, a very open ended topic there are no specific guidelines as to the content of answers that may be presented. Matching the answer to the two sets of descriptors should allow for the placing of an answer within a mark range. The degree to which the answer matches the criteria for that range will determine which of the two marks available within the range it should receive.</p>		
<p>Simple selection of relevant material. Basic level of organisation of material – probably in the order in which it was presented.</p>	(1-2)	<p>The answer contains some simple reference to the material provided or to additional material. Information presented should be clear and simple to understand. The answer should contain one or two conclusions in the simplest form.</p>
<p>Ability to select relevant material from a large body of such information. Sequencing of material other than chronologically. Ability to draw relevant simple conclusions.</p>	(3-4)	<p>The answer should contain some evidence of reorganisation of the material provided and/or of additional material. Information presented should be clear and simple to understand with some illustration of points. The answer should contain clear conclusions, though these may be in the simplest form.</p>
<p>More astute selection of material. Becoming more aware of audience and selecting supporting material accordingly. Ability to draw other than simple conclusions.</p>	(5-6)	<p>The answer should contain some evidence of reorganisation of material with personal opinion beginning to be expressed. Information presented should be clear and simple for the general reader to understand. Points should be illustrated with well chosen examples. The answer should contain clear conclusions drawn from relevant material.</p>
<p>Ability to select from pre-released material and to introduce and link material from elsewhere. Ability to carry out independent research. Aware of links between elements of the subjects. Conclusions drawn logically from some clear analysis.</p>	(7-8)	<p>The answer should contain clear analysis of the facts and well informed personal opinion. Full use should have been made of relevant supporting material. The answer will contain evidence of some additional research. Information should be clearly presented and simple for the general reader to understand. The answer should contain clear conclusions drawn from a range of relevant material and based on clear analysis.</p>
<p>Personal opinion expressed and supported. Greater ability to select material from external sources. Draws detailed conclusions.</p>	(9-10)	<p>The answer should draw its conclusions in a clear and logical way, offering personal judgements supported by detailed evidence drawn from a wide range of subject areas / significant additional research. Shows an understanding of the differences between fact and opinion.</p>