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Introduction

This report is designed to assist centres in highlighting the strengths and weaknesses in candidates' responses and also in helping centres to prepare for future examination series.

The paper is divided into 3 subsections. The first 15 questions are multiple choice questions and questions 16 and 17 are short case study questions which are followed by a series of questions which assess knowledge and understanding of the unit specification. Questions follow a standard format whereby shorter easier questions are presented at the beginning and then longer more testing questions at the end. These questions in particular require the candidate to use all their knowledge holistically and to present their response in a structured extended answer format.

Question 16 (a)

Question 16 focused on a case study about a man who was a recovering alcoholic who was currently living in a hostel.

Q16(a) – well answered with good demonstration of knowledge. This question asked candidates to provide the correct and relevant life stages.

16(a) required candidates to give two accurate life stages in their correct order. In the main it was well answered.

(a) Identify in the correct order the next **two** life stages Tom will progress through.

(2)

1 Middle Adulthood

2 Later Adulthood



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Accurate responses presented.



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No comment required - straightforward question.

Question 16 (b)

Q16(b) - good knowledge and understanding of the effects of alcohol dependence on relationships i.e. breakdown, loss of family, upset and sadness etc.

Well understood question and well responded to by candidates.

(b) Describe the impact of being an alcoholic on Tom's emotional development.

(3)

Tom was feeling really down and depressed when he was an alcoholic, his wife and children left him he had no one to go to for love and support (except his group.) So he was probably going through depression.



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Examiner Comments

Candidate demonstrates good knowledge and understanding.



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Three marks awarded

Slightly weaker response awarded only 2 marks.

(b) Describe the impact of being an alcoholic on Tom's emotional development.

(3)

Toms emotional development will be effected by his alcohol addiction by him loosing his family therefore he will be verry sad as he won't get to see his wife and kids as much as he'd like.



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Not enough depth provided, answer too basic.

Question 16 (c)

Q16(c) – knowledge of self concept and the importance of friendships was very good, candidates could identify key issues such as support, reliance etc.

Candidates demonstrated a good understanding of the importance of friendships in supporting individuals in overcoming difficult life experiences.

(c) Whilst living in the hostel Tom has made new friends.

Explain the importance of making new friends for Tom's self-concept.

(6)

The importance of making friends is that he now has someone to talk to and someone that is there to support him. Also making new friends will give him a positive self-concept because he will feel better about himself and he will have someone to fall back on if he goes wrong. Also he will have friends that will know what he is going through, so he may not feel like he is ~~doing~~ ^{going through} it alone.



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Examiner Comments

Excellent response - well balanced and good demonstration of knowledge and understanding. This response is well constructed and good links have been made.

Some understanding demonstrated but the self expression is much poorer which affects the relevance and accuracy of the response.

(c) Whilst living in the hostel Tom has made new friends.

Explain the importance of making new friends for Tom's self-concept.

(6)

The importance of making new friends, ^{will} effect Tom's self-concept ~~because~~ by having relationships. This will have a positive effect on Tom's self-concept because he will think that he is a kinder person and has stopped being aggressive and violent. Also he will think that other people think that he is a better person and has become a much kinder person because he has made some friends within the hostel. In the future, if this continues to happen then he will have good relationships with the people he made mates with in the hostel. ~~also~~ He will be able to see his wife and children again and he can build a better ~~rea~~ relationship ~~with~~ with them.



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Level 1 response and only 2 marks awarded.

Question 16 (d)

Q16(d) - good understanding of how the hostel could benefit Tom physically, socially etc. and also help him get a job and win his family back

Good level of understanding demonstrated and 3 marks have been awarded.

(d) Explain the benefits living in the hostel may have on Tom's well-being.

(6)

It's beneficial for Tom's well being to live in a hostel. Firstly, as the others have the same addiction, he could see how positively they get with each other so he would start to join. Also, as he's unemployed they might encourage him to learn new skills, be productive and find a job. The hostel could also give him healthy food and make him forget about his alcohol. He's been consuming alcohol, the hostel is beneficial for Tom's well being.



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Examiner Comments

The main problem with this response is that the candidate raises relevant points but doesn't extend them fully enough to maximise their mark potential.

5 marks awarded for an excellent response reflecting good accurate understanding of the question stem.

(d) Explain the benefits living in the hostel may have on Tom's well-being.

(6)

~~The benefits living in a hostel may be~~ This may have benefits on Tom's well-being because, he will improve his emotional development as he lives with similar people with similar addictions. This will make Tom not feel lonely anymore and start to feel happier with his life. Another benefit of living in a hostel is that, his intellectual abilities will also improve as he ~~gets~~^{learns} from the other people ~~who~~ who live there about their stories ~~of how they~~ of their addictions to alcohol. ~~An~~ Also, being able to socialize with new people is a benefit because, his social development will improve and he ~~gets~~ gets a second chance at making new friends.



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Candidate uses the case study accurately to identify relevant points and develop a well structured answer.

Question 16 (e)

Q16(e) – responses to this question tended to focus on the negative, particularly the physical aspects of alcohol dependence and consequently many candidates achieved no more than 3 marks on this question. Overall there was a lack of understanding and balance in responses.

Good overall response which was awarded 4 marks.

*e) Discuss how Tom's addiction to alcohol may have affected his growth and development. (10)

Tom's addiction may have an affect on his growth and development. Firstly, it reduces his thinking skills so it may be hard for him to learn new skills and pick things up immediately. Also, it may affect his physical development and causes him to have lung disease. The fact that it affected his emotional development and he becomes violent could lead to his family not contacting him and lose interest in him. In one hostel, people wouldn't want to start socialising and he could lack in communication with making new friends. In addition, alcohol can affect his diet or health where he may not eat healthily. Overall, alcohol can have an impact on an individual's ^{growth} and development.



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Examiner Comments

The main problem with this response is that it is limited in its discussion and whilst relevant points are identified they are not explored enough.

*(e) Discuss how Tom's addiction to alcohol may have affected his growth and development.

(10)

Tom's addiction to alcohol has affected his growth and development in a way he would of never imagined. He has moved to live in a hostel with 30 men and woman, so many people he is not use to will effect his development and how hes been brought up. Being away from his wife and children will effect him majorly, he will feel lost, sad and depressed. Tom, when he had been drinking was violent and aggressive towards his family, which made the drift away. He has also not worked for 5 years and relies on unemployment. All this effects tom in his growth and development

The fact that he has took counselling and completed a

IT course at a local college helps him alot. He will be much happier after it all. This will also effect him

because he hasn't been happy
in so long he would of get use
to the fact he's on his own.

Alcohol effected him more than
even anything it did to him,
and ~~now~~ now that he's off it,
hes happier and even got in
touch with his wife and kids
again.



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Examiner Comments

This was a typical response given by candidates in that the response focuses on the negative and the level of discussion is limited.

Question 17 (a)

Question 17 focused on the impact of not having a father can have on the childrens' development and the impact of being a lone parent and having a business can have on family relationships.

Q17(a) - Very poor understanding of primary socialisation with many responses assuming it had to do with socialising and not learning values and beliefs of your given culture.

This was very typical of the responses presented by candidates - lack of understanding.

(a) Vicki spends a lot of time with Charlie and Daniel.

Explain what is meant by the term primary socialisation.

(4)

Primary socialisation is when you spend a lot of time with people in your family. This can be when your a younger child and you spend the majority of your time playing with your parents. If you spend more time with your friends instead of family then this is Secondary Socialization.



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Only 1 mark awarded for knowledge that the family is involved.

This response was also very typical of many candidates knowledge and understanding.

(a) Vicki spends a lot of time with Charlie and Daniel.

Explain what is meant by the term primary socialisation.

(4)

The term 'primary socialisation' means that a person or number of people are the first ones that you go to socialize with. Such as friends or family.



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No rewardable marks available.

Question 17 (b)

Q17(b) – The majority of candidates achieved at least 3 marks for accurate explanation of how the children could be affected by not having their father about both in the short term and long term.

In general candidates demonstrated a good understanding of the effect the absence of the father could have on the boys' emotional development.

(b) Charlie and Daniel miss their father very much.

Explain how the absence of Charlie and Daniel's father may affect their emotional development.

(6)

the absence of charlie and daniel's father may affect there emotional development in a ^{positive} ~~negative~~ way because it means they would be able to gain a stronger bond with their mother because it is the only person they have to look after them. Although it could affect them in a negative way because they will be left feeling worried about their father because they dont know where he is or how he is feeling. Also because they could be left feeling lonely because they only have their mother to talk to.



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Examiner Comments

Accurate points raised and 3 marks awarded.

Slightly stronger response with 4 marks awarded.

(b) Charlie and Daniel miss their father very much.

Explain how the absence of Charlie and Daniel's father may affect their emotional development.

Emotionally Charlie and Daniel⁽⁶⁾ may feel like they are at blame for him not being around all the time because other children at their primary school may have both parents in their life and this can make the children feel guilty. Also Charlie & Daniel would be angry and this can make their behaviour bad at school/home causing more stress for their mother, they may also feel different to other children making them feel more to blame because their Father isn't always around and they may blame their Mother because of how aggressive the Father was towards her when at home drinking - making them think it was a argument that made their father live in a hostel.



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Examiner Comments

Good overall response. Well constructed and written.

3 marks awarded - good demonstration of knowledge and understanding.

(b) Charlie and Daniel miss their father very much.

Explain how the absence of Charlie and Daniel's father may affect their emotional development.

(6)

They may feel that their father has missed out on their ~~to~~ life. They may feel like they don't have a father because he was never around. They may feel like it was their fault he left. They may feel that they're not cared about. They may feel pressure to just get on with things. They may feel like their dad has abandoned them.



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The candidate could have made more of this response by developing their points further.

Question 17 (c)

Q17(c) – the majority of candidates could accurately explain the importance and benefits of a high income. Candidates typically achieved 4-6 marks.

Although many candidates understood the question stem and raised relevant points the main issue was that they didn't develop points fully enough or make relevant links.

* (c) Vicki works long hours to provide for her children.

Discuss the importance of earning a high level of income on development.

(8)

Vicki works long hours to provide for her children but when she earns enough money she pays the mortgage and provide books, toys and games for the children, this means that she don't have any money's to spend on herself it is important for her to look after ^{the} money's because when ~~at~~ her childrens needs something, she can give her enough money for them. Earning a high level of money makes her happy and proud, because she is working hard and getting enough money makes herself ~~to~~ happy and her childrens. If she have's a lot money she can ~~to~~ get everything that she wants.



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3 marks awarded which could have been developed further.



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3 marks awarded.

Well written response and good structure but once again there is a lack of overall discussion.

*(c) Vicki works long hours to provide for her children.

Discuss the importance of earning a high level of income on development.

(8)

It is important to earn a high level of income because it means that Vicki can provide for her children properly. A high level of income affects development because it will mean that Vicki can buy books and toys which will help Charlie and Daniel with their education and physical development. This means that both children will improve on schoolwork and concentration. Also having lots of toys to play with will make them not bored and this means they won't be as restless so they will be better behaved. As well having toys to play with ensures that they are fit and healthy and less likely to put on weight as they grow up. A high level of income can also affect social development because it means that Charlie and Daniel won't be bullied or picked on at school for not having enough money and not having as nice clothes. This also means that they will be happier and this improves their emotional development.



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4 marks awarded for relevant points raised.

Question 17 (d)

Q17(d) – A lot of responses were repetitive of question 17(c) and focused on the importance of high income rather than on the effect it could have on Vicki e.g. her health, stress etc.

Good overall knowledge demonstrated although some candidates were quite repetitive in using similar information from 17(c) rather than focusing on the stem of the question.

*d) Discuss how owning her own business could affect Vicki's health and well-being. (10)

Vicki

Owning her own business could affect her health and well being as she works for long hours it could cause stress. The fact that she owns the business could mean that all the pressure is on her and people are relying on her. Also, long hours of work could mean that she doesn't have time for her children at home and they wouldn't feel any attachment or bonding with her. In addition, work could affect her physical development as she would work around alot to get things sorted. she would feel tired which could lead to lack of sleep. on the other hand, Vicki would make new friends at work. This means she can build her social development with her peers. Also, she may learn new skills everyday at work and learn from any mistakes she has made. Overall, owning your own business can affect an individual negatively and also ~~positve~~ positively.



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Excellent response whereby the candidate has demonstrated a good understanding of the question stem.

Too much generic and irrelevant information included in this response.

* (d) Discuss how owning her own business could affect Vicki's health and well-being.

(10)

having your own business can affect vicki's health and well-being because you won't get as much money as you won't if you worked in someone else's business, this could lead to not eating proper foods like proteins, fats, carbohydrates all these things dairy's.

And owning your own business can get a little stress at times because vicki will be working longer hours and she will get more tired because she has to work late.

also owning your own business might not get you most customers because you need to advertise your business then you got to set it all up. then you have to deal with all your customers at one time.

And that's why having your own business can affect vicki's health and well-being.



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A limited response which meant that only 2 marks could be awarded.

Paper Summary

From examiner feedback the following strengths and areas for improvement have been provided to support centres in enhancing future candidate performance.

Strengths:

- Good knowledge and understanding of the unit specification
- Centres had prepared candidates thoroughly for the examination
- Good use of past papers for exam preparation
- No obvious gaps reported by examiners in knowledge or understanding
- Good attempt made by candidates to formulate their responses in structured, extended writing.

Areas for Improvement:

Common errors which candidates made:

- misinterpretation of question stem
- inaccurate or poor application of knowledge
- overuse of PIES for every long question
- one sided and very often negative responses in extended writing responses which resulted in a lack of balance
- use of bullet points which should be discouraged
- too much time providing generic information rather than tailoring the response to the question stem
- too many candidates wasting time repeating the question stem rather than constructing an accurate and appropriate response.

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