

EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: Reassessment 2014

Module code:	SS5009
Module title:	Social Policy in Theory & Practice
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Exam type:	Seen, Closed
Materials supplied:	None
Materials permitted:	None
Warning:	Candidates are warned that possession of unauthorised materials in an examination is a serious assessment offence.

Instructions to candidates:	Candidates should answer ONE question in Section A and ONE question from Section B.
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Section A

1. Is the state pension still understood by government as an entitlement, or has it been redefined as a welfare benefit?
2. Should the pensions system be tied to the provision of older social care?
3. Is child and adult social care a central or marginal concern of UK social policy?
4. To what extent are inequalities relating to sexuality and gender embedded in the contemporary welfare state?
5. Are there now equal welfare provisions for all regardless of family types?

Section B

1. Is education policy dominated by standards and performance to the detriment of learning?
2. What are the consequences of liberalisation (Academies/Free Schools) and the role of the private sector upon mainstream education?
3. Did New Labour's health reforms succeed in improving the NHS?
4. Is the social policy of the coalition government a return of the New Right? Discuss using examples of welfare policy.
5. Are the ideas associated with social citizenship a way forward for improving social justice within the British welfare state?