

Tuesday 15 January 2013 – Afternoon

A2 GCE GENERAL STUDIES

F733/01 Domain Exploration: Applying Synoptic Skills

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- **The quality of your written communication will be assessed including clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

SECTION A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

- 1 “If a man is not a socialist at twenty he has no heart, but if he is still a socialist at forty he has no head.”

In the light of this comment, **briefly** outline **two** ways in which a person’s age may have an effect on their political viewpoint. [10]

- 2 Read the following fictional news story and answer the question that follows.

In a desperate bid to salvage her tattered political credibility Tamsin Booth, parliamentary spokesperson for the disintegrating *Arts in Prison* focus group, yesterday lashed out at her critics in an hysterical attack on their motives. Against the uproar of a chaotic press conference she shouted down media representatives trying to put awkward questions about the internal power struggle among her cronies.

“These simpletons think only in vacuous slogans and speak only in tired clichés,” she snapped, before walking out of the room leaving the hand-bagged journalists with nothing to write about except her lateness for the meeting and her dishevelled appearance.

By referring closely to the news story, **briefly** explain **two** ways in which the journalist here has combined fact with opinion. [10]

- 3 Read the following three arguments for choosing to buy organically produced foodstuffs, and answer the question that follows.

Argument A: Organic foods taste better.

Argument B: Organic foods must by law be produced without the use of toxic pesticides or other synthetic chemicals.

Argument C: Organic food production is often labour-intensive and hence creates employment.

Identify which of these arguments is subjective, which is socio-economic and which is scientific.

Choose **one** argument and **briefly** explain **two** ways in which it might be justified or supported. [10]

- 4 A team of social scientists is planning an investigation into the drinking habits of first year university students. They propose two ways to gather information:
- a) Half of the sample will be investigated using unstructured interviews (informal conversation which is recorded with the interviewees' consent).
 - b) Half of the sample will be investigated using covert participant observation (where an anonymous observer takes part in the activity being investigated and records evidence privately).

Describe and evaluate **one** strength and **one** weakness of **each** method of investigation. [20]

SECTION B

Answer **one** question from this section.
Your answer should be in continuous prose.

- 5 “One thing we can be certain of: we do not compose, sing, or play music for any useful purpose. It is not so with the other arts: music is just music, and that is, to my mind, its great glory.”

Using examples from any art form with which you are familiar, evaluate the issues which this comment raises about the nature and the purpose of art. **[50]**

- 6 Pre-natal screening can now detect and predict many physical and learning disabilities in unborn children.

To what extent should society take advantage of this to prevent the medical, cultural and emotional consequences of physical and learning disabilities? **[50]**

- 7 Read the passage below and answer the question that follows.

In a recent survey, more than 60% of people in England and Wales admitted they had exaggerated an insurance claim, paid cash to avoid tax or kept money when given too much change. But they would not consider themselves criminals, even though such forgery and fraud is costing Britain £14bn a year.

Evaluate the issues which this passage raises about crime, criminals and the society in which they exist. **[50]**

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