

ADVANCED GCE

CRITICAL THINKING

Ethical Reasoning and Decision-Making

F503

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- Resource booklet
- 8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Thursday 9 June 2011

Afternoon

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. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- 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 **60**.
- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the resource booklet and question paper before answering the questions.
- You will be marked on the quality of your written communication in questions 3 and 4.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Read the **resource booklet** and then answer **all** the following questions:

- 1 Suggest and briefly explain **two** ways in which the data in **Document 4** might or might not be useful in deciding whether to raise the age of criminal responsibility. **[3+3]**
- 2 The government may have to decide whether to raise the age of criminal responsibility or keep it at its current level. Explain why this decision would **or** would not be a dilemma. **[6]**
- 3 Suggest and evaluate **one** choice which the government could make about the age of criminal responsibility. You should use **three** criteria (eg public safety). **[12]**
- 4 Do you think the age of criminal responsibility should be raised, and, if so, how far?

Write an argument to support your choice. In your argument you should use some relevant principles and explain why you have rejected at least one possible **alternative** choice. Support your argument by referring critically to the resource documents. **[36]**

Total Marks [60]



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