



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## General Studies (Specification B)

## GENB1

### Unit 1 Conflict

Thursday 19 May 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is GENB1.
- Answer **three** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- There are 30 marks for each question.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- All questions should be answered in continuous prose.

**Advice**

- Where appropriate use examples to illustrate your answer.

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Answer **three** questions.

Write your answers in continuous prose.

You are advised to use examples to illustrate your answers where appropriate.

There are 30 marks for each question.

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'Newspapers no longer deserve to be called newspapers; they are more like magazines.'

How far do you agree that newspapers no longer contain news?

You might consider:

- what we mean by 'news'
- the place of newspapers in a multimedia society
- the balance between fact and opinion.

*(30 marks)*

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'Young people these days have never had it so good.'

Discuss the view that, although young people in the UK have more opportunities than ever before, they also have more responsibilities.

You might consider:

- the opportunities and responsibilities that different young people have
- what society expects of young people
- whether young people and society share similar values.

*(30 marks)*

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At Christmas, fewer primary schools are having Nativity plays, in favour of non-religious or multi-faith performances.

Discuss how such developments might encourage children to be more tolerant of the beliefs of others.

You might consider:

- the many ways in which schools encourage tolerance
- the impact of such developments inside and outside schools
- whether religious belief has any place in schools.

*(30 marks)*

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'Modern technology used in weapons and communications means that war is now far less likely.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

You might consider:

- the capabilities of modern weapons and communications technologies
- the part weapons play in bringing about war and in keeping peace
- whether it is right to use weapons to threaten war. *(30 marks)*

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Most manufacturers of hi-tech electronic goods now have outlets for their products in high-street stores, specialist shops, supermarkets and on the Internet.

How far do you agree that competition benefits customers?

You might consider:

- why customers might choose to buy from one company rather than another
- the long-term consequences of competition
- how much quality counts. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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