

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**  
**Unit 15 Clients with Disabilities**

**HC15**

Wednesday 30 January 2008 9.00 am to 11.00 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 2 hours

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or 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 HC15.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **all** questions.

There are 20 marks for each question.

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- 1 Pawel is 80 years old. He has a disability condition that makes it difficult and painful for him to grasp objects firmly with his hands.
- (a) Give **three** daily living tasks that Pawel is likely to find difficult because of the impairment described above. For each task suggest a different appropriate aid. (6 marks)
  - (b) (i) Name **one** disability condition that has the symptoms outlined above. (1 mark)  
(ii) Briefly explain how this condition causes the problems Pawel has with his hands. (3 marks)
  - (c) Outline how each of the following practitioners could provide appropriate care for Pawel:
    - (i) a GP (2 marks)
    - (ii) an occupational therapist (2 marks)
    - (iii) a domiciliary care worker (2 marks)
    - (iv) a social worker. (2 marks)
  - (d) Name and outline **one** social security benefit to which Pawel might be entitled because of his disability condition. (2 marks)
- 2 Mary has Alzheimer's disease. Her husband, David, provides informal care for her. David has recently bought a dishwasher to reduce housework tasks. One day he finds Mary putting used dishes into the microwave oven instead of the dishwasher. She is upset that she cannot get all the dishes in. David puts his arm round her, looks directly at her and explains, "That's the microwave. It's for cooking things. We don't put dirty dishes in there." He puts the dishes into the dishwasher. Suddenly Mary becomes angry and accuses David of wanting to get rid of her. David denies this and for the next five minutes they argue noisily, until eventually Mary hits David.
- (a) (i) Identify **two** caring skills David used. Refer to the description above. (4 marks)  
(ii) Suggest another caring skill and outline how it could have been used by David to reduce Mary's anger. (2 marks)
  - (b) (i) Outline **two** signs or symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. Refer to the description of Mary. (6 marks)  
(ii) Describe the likely progression of Mary's condition. (4 marks)
  - (c) Describe how Alzheimer's disease is caused. (4 marks)

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- 3 (a) Name **two** lifestyle factors and explain how these might cause impairments. (6 marks)
- (b) Describe the main provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act. (7 marks)
- (c) Discuss the effectiveness of the Disability Discrimination Act in helping people with disabilities to overcome barriers. (7 marks)

4 John works as a lecturer. He is 45 years old and has multiple sclerosis.

- (a) (i) Give **four** signs or symptoms of multiple sclerosis. (4 marks)
- (ii) Describe the typical progress of multiple sclerosis. (5 marks)
- (b) Suggest **three** appropriate adaptations that might be made to John's house. (3 marks)
- (c) John has always tried to cope with this disability without the help of others, and to retain his independence. Now he needs more care and support.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for John of employing a personal assistant.

You may refer to alternative forms of provision in your answer. (8 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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