

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



SOCIAL SCIENCE: CITIZENSHIP
Unit 1 The Citizen and the State

SSC1

Tuesday 13 January 2004 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is SSC1.
- Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Advice

- Where appropriate you should use local and/or national and/or international examples and/or case studies.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 or Question 3.

Each question carries 30 marks.

1 Read **Source A** and answer parts (a) to (c) which follow.

Source A

The Big Issue in the North is a registered charity with a business-like approach to ending homelessness. Until now, sellers of the magazine were self-employed homeless people, buying the magazine for 40 pence and selling it for £1.

However, now *The Big Issue in the North* is directly employing homeless people to sell the magazine. It is employing 18 sellers across Liverpool, Leeds and Manchester and calling them Big Life Trainees. They'll receive a weekly wage, have sales targets to meet and receive normal staff benefits like holidays, sick pay and training. They'll also wear uniforms and pay tax and national insurance.

The organisation said, "It's a challenging time for the Big Life Trainees. More than one third of sellers haven't had paid work in more than five years. Add to that long-term health problems, homelessness and lack of skills. Moving into paid employment is a huge step."

"But it's one we want to take with them. *The Big Issue in the North* is committed to helping people change their lives. And that means challenging decisions. We know that many firms wouldn't dream of employing people with multiple problems – the kind that put *and* keep them on the streets. But if homeless people don't have a chance, how do they ever begin to move forward?"

Source: adapted from The Big Issue in the North, 16–22 November 2002

Your answers should refer to the source as appropriate, but you should also include other relevant information.

- (a) Identify and briefly explain **two** reasons why moving into paid employment is "a challenging time for the Big Life Trainees" (**Source A**). (4 marks)
- (b) Briefly examine the role of **either** the private sector **or** the voluntary sector in any aspect of welfare. (10 marks)
- (c) Assess the extent to which the Citizen's Charter and/or similar policies have improved the provision of public services. (16 marks)

EITHER

- 2 (a) Briefly examine **two** methods of resolving a dispute between citizens **other** than by bringing an action in the civil courts. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Assess the claim that “all citizens receive equal treatment under the law”. *(20 marks)*

OR

- 3 (a) Briefly examine how the Human Rights Act, 1998 has improved the rights of citizens. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Assess the extent to which the modern state is based on active citizenship. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS