



Tuesday 17 June 2014 – Morning

A2 GCE CRITICAL THINKING

F503/01 Ethical Reasoning and Decision-Making

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR supplied materials:

- Resource Booklet

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 15 minutes reading through the Resource Booklet and Question Paper before answering the questions.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in questions 3 and 4.
- This document consists of **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Read the **Resource Booklet** and then answer **all** the following questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 Suggest and briefly explain **two** weaknesses in the reasoning in **Document 2**. [6]
- 2 'The reintroduction of capital punishment would lead to a reduction in the number of homicides.'
How reasonably can this claim be inferred from the statistics in **Document 3**? [6]
- 3 If the Government wanted to reintroduce capital punishment, they would have to make choices about which offence(s) it should be imposed for and whether it should be mandatory or discretionary.

Evaluate any **one** choice that the Government might make about reintroducing or not reintroducing capital punishment. In your evaluation you should use **three** criteria (such as justice). [12]
- 4 Write an argument supporting any **one** choice which the Government might make about reintroducing or not reintroducing capital punishment. 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]

Question 1	See page 3
Question 2	See page 4
Question 3	See page 5
Question 4	See page 7
Additional lined pages	See pages 11 to 12

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