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A2 GCE**

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GENERAL STUDIES

Domain Exploration:

Applying Synoptic Skills

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2016: Afternoon

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:
None

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:
None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. Please write clearly and in capital letters.

Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.

Answer ALL the questions in Section A and ONE question in Section B.

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 page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

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 100.

The quality of your written communication will be assessed, including clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions in this section.

- 1 **TABLE 1** shows the responses to an opinion poll about important aspects of UK society.

TABLE 1

KEY:

E = average of estimates from opinion polls

A = actual figures

IMPORTANT ASPECT		E	A
1	the percentage of UK citizens that are Muslim	24%	5%
2	the percentage of UK citizens that are unemployed and claiming benefits	22%	8%
3	the percentage of UK teenage girls that become pregnant each year	15%	0.6%
4	the percentage of UK social security benefits that are claimed fraudulently	24%	0.7%

This opinion poll shows differences between UK citizens' perception of the society in which they live (E) and the actual figures (A).

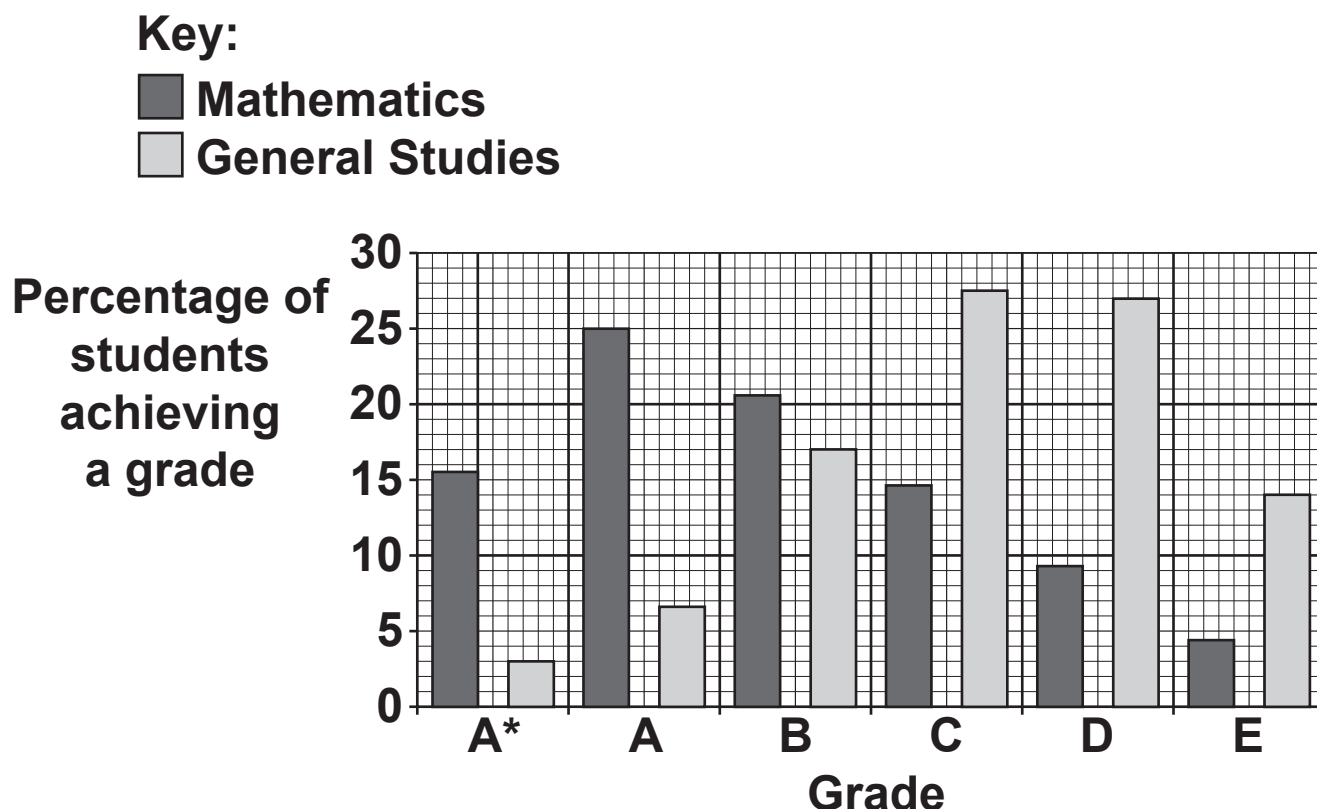
Choose TWO of these differences and suggest reasons why they occur.

[10]

[illegible]

- 2 Study FIG. 1. It records Advanced Level GCE grades awarded in Mathematics and General Studies in the summer of 2013. The vertical axis shows the percentage of students achieving the grades detailed on the horizontal axis.

FIG. 1



General Studies is sometimes seen as an easier A level when compared with Mathematics. Using the information contained in FIG. 1, suggest three reasons for differences in the performance of candidates in General Studies and Mathematics. [10]

[illegible]

3 Consider each of the following statements.

STATEMENT A

A meteorologist said to me that he thought the negative impacts of climate change were greater than the positive ones.

STATEMENT B

A friend of mine, who is a geography teacher, texted to say that he was in Manchester; whatever the place he always knows it well.

STATEMENT C

Recently, a research student was heard to say, sarcastically: ‘Over a twelve-month period, on every day, the sun rises in the east and sets in the west!’

Identify which statement contains a FACT, which one states a BELIEF and which one is linked to TRUTH. Give ONE reason for each of your choices. [10]

[illegible]

**4 You are aged 25 and own a small convenience store.
You sell:**

newspapers, magazines, greetings cards and general stationery

alcoholic drinks and cigarettes

confectionery and a range of groceries.

You also offer facilities, including:

a cash machine

mobile phone top-up

bill-paying facilities

package collection and despatch

photocopying

a small internet café.

What differences do you think scientific and social progress, combined with cultural change, will make to your store over the next 20 years?

Justify your predictions by referring to current scientific, social and cultural trends. [20]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

Your answer SHOULD be in continuous prose.

- 5 ‘Technology brings you great gifts with one hand, and stabs you in the back with the other.’**

Evaluate the extent to which you believe this statement to be true. [50]

- 6 ‘In the real world, equal respect for all cultures does not translate into a rich mosaic of colourful and proud peoples interacting peacefully while maintaining a delightful diversity of food, music and craftwork. It translates into closed pockets of oppression, ignorance and abuse.’**

Explore and evaluate the positive and negative cultural effects of multiculturalism in the UK. Use the quotation and a range of examples to support your ideas. [50]

- 7 'NHS patients are being prescribed too many drugs with detrimental effects on their health and the loss of millions of pounds from the health budget.'**

(Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge, chairman of MHRA which licenses drugs for use in the UK)

Discuss and evaluate the main issues that the overprescription of drugs by the NHS might cause for the UK and its citizens. [50]

Write the number of the question answered in the margin.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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