



ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE CRITICAL THINKING

Unit 1: Credibility of Evidence

F491

Candidates answer on the question paper

OCR Supplied Materials:

- Resource Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

Monday 12 January 2009
Afternoon

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Additional answer space is available on the lined pages at the back of this book. Answers on these pages must be clearly numbered.
- 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 **80**.
- You will be awarded up to 5 marks overall for the quality of your written communication.
- This document consists of **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE	
Section A	
Section B	
Section C	
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TOTAL	

The four documents in the Resource Booklet contain reports relating to the dispute as to whether or not the present national DNA database policy is unfair. This policy requires that anyone who has been investigated by the police, guilty or not, has their DNA taken and held on the database. Read these documents and then answer the questions that follow.

Section A: Assessing the credibility of documents

- 1 There may be weaknesses in the credibility of reporting about the fairness of government policies (other than the DNA database).

Explain **three** possible weaknesses in the credibility of such reporting.

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- 2 Consider the claims made about DNA in the second paragraph of Document 4.

Give **two** inferences that might be drawn from these claims.

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3 Consider the credibility of Documents 1 and 4.

For each document make **three** points of assessment, each of which should:

- identify a relevant credibility criterion
- use this to assess the credibility of the document
- make reference to the text to support your assessment.

Document 1

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Turn over

Section B: Assessing the credibility of evidence

- 4 *Several sources refer to the unfairness of the present policy that requires the DNA of innocent people who have been investigated by the police to be retained on the national database.*

State what would have to be true to support this claim of unfairness.

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 [2]

- 5 *Consider the claims made by the national co-ordinator of the NO2ID in Document 2 and the appeal court judge in Document 3.*

Assess the credibility of their claims. For each of these sources make **two** points of assessment, each of which should:

- identify a claim made (you may assess the same claim twice)
- assess how this claim is strengthened or weakened by any relevant credibility criterion
- state what you must suppose to be true in order to reach your assessment.

The National Co-ordinator of NO2ID

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Appeal Court Judge

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- 6** Use **one** credibility criterion to compare the credibility of the NO2ID co-ordinator with that of the appeal court judge.

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Total Marks for Section B [24]

Section C: Coming to a reasoned judgement

- 7 Come to a reasoned judgement as to whether or not the present national DNA database policy is unfair.

In your answers you should refer to the individual sources **within** the documents.

- (a) State **two** precise claims that are corroborated.

Support each of these with two references from the text.

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(b) State **two** precise claims where conflict arises.

Support each of these with two references from the text.

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(c) Identify **all** the individual sources within the documents on each side of the above dispute.

Identify any source that does not fit easily onto either side.

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(e) Using **three** different credibility criteria, assess the quality of evidence on each side of the above dispute.

(f) State the judgement that results from your assessment as to whether or not the present national DNA database policy is unfair.

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