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GENERAL STUDIES

**Domain Exploration: Applying
Synoptic Skills**

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2013: Morning

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

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

12 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. 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.**

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, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**
- **Any blank pages are indicated.**

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions in this section.

- 1 Choose ONE of the following developments that might occur during your lifetime:**

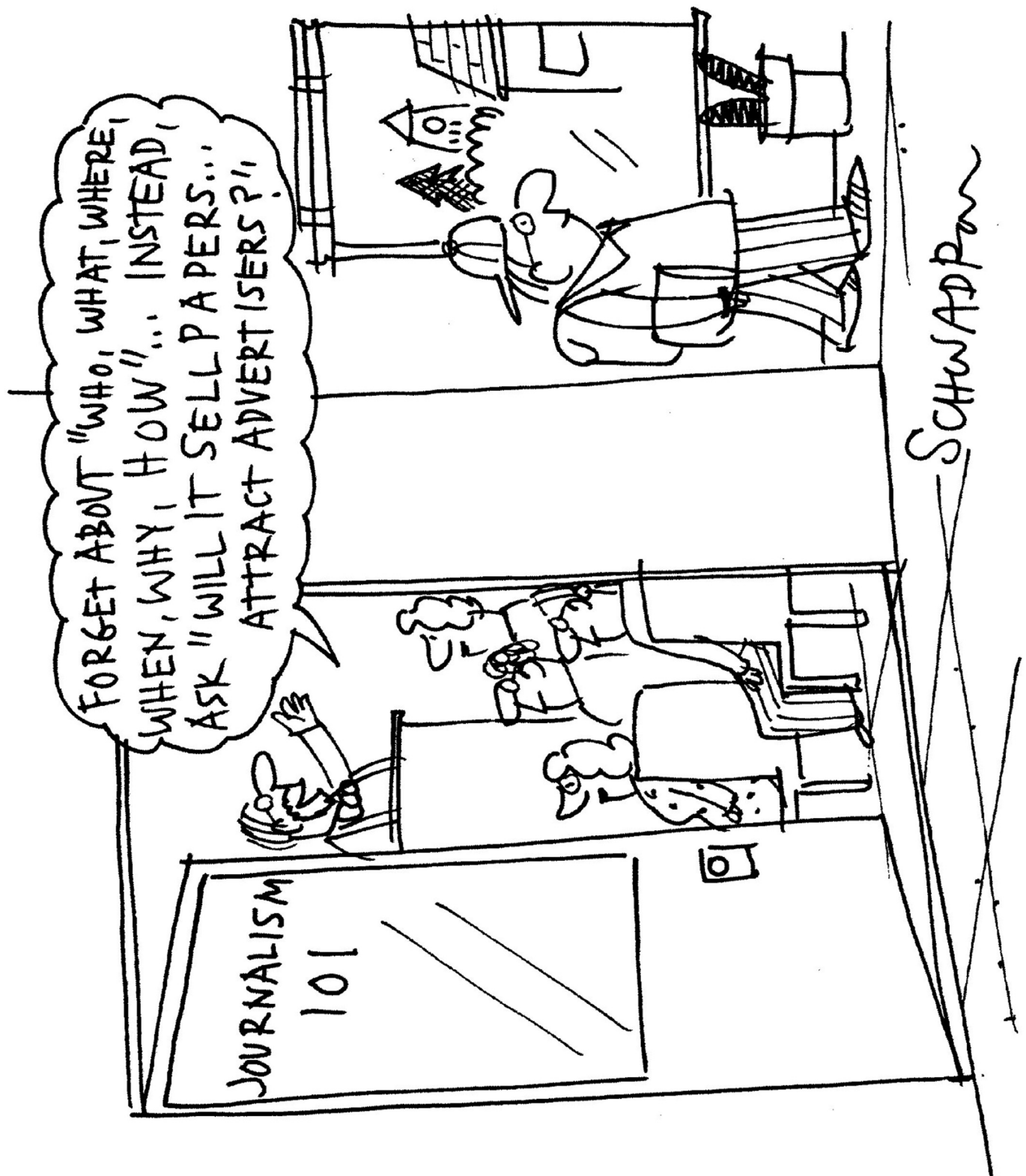
an effective drug treatment for obesity becomes widely available

the demand for oil exceeds remaining supplies by a factor of two to one

fully unmanned, intelligent and armed military aircraft become operational.

BRIEFLY outline one POSITIVE and one NEGATIVE social consequence of the development you have chosen. [10]

- 2 Look at the cartoon below and answer the question that follows.



BRIEFLY outline what this cartoon is suggesting about the priorities of the newspaper industry. [10]

- 3 Read the passage below and answer the question that follows.**

It is essential that corporal punishment be re-introduced in schools, young offenders' institutions and prisons in order to reduce criminal violence. The rise in the murder rate in the United Kingdom since capital punishment was abolished proves that we should also consider restoring the death penalty. Validating this suggestion is the fact that no fewer than 80,000 people signed an e-petition demanding this within twelve hours of the petition being posted on the website.

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The paragraph above contains three logical fallacies, one in each sentence.

BRIEFLY identify TWO of these fallacies and outline why each is fallacious. [10]

4 Read the following source and answer the question that follows.

Some years ago Aaron Barschak, a comedian, interrupted a talk given by British avant-garde artists Jake and Dinos Chapman at the Modern Art Gallery in Oxford. The Chapman brothers were discussing their work, *The Rape of Creativity*. This work features a series of cartoon heads superimposed on a series of etchings by the Renaissance master Goya.

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Barschak splashed red paint on the walls of the gallery, on one of the etchings and on Jake Chapman, shouting as he did so, *Viva Goya!* Charged with criminal damage at Oxford Magistrates' Court, Barschak claimed that what he did had been an art work, created out of the Chapman brothers' work just as they had created a work out of Goya's.

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Sentencing Barschak, District Judge Brian Loosley said, "This is a serious offence of wanton destruction.....even by modern standards and by stretching the imagination to incredulity, your action was not the creation of a work of art."

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Using ONLY the information presented in the source, BRIEFLY evaluate the actions and opinions of Aaron Barschak. [20]

SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

Your answer should be in continuous prose.

- 5 It may be said that a civilised society is one in which members of minority groups feel safe and valued and their rights, needs and wishes matter.**

In the light of this statement, and with reference to TWO different types of minority group, consider how civilised the United Kingdom may be said to be. [50]

- 6 ‘The 21st century seems to bring continual change into our lives. But actually, people’s lives do not change very much.’**

In the light of your own experience and that of your family, evaluate the truth of this statement. Your answer should refer to change in any TWO of the following domains: social, cultural, scientific/technological. [50]

- 7 “To plan for a year, you need to plant rice; to plan for a decade, you need to plant a tree: and to plan for a lifetime, you need to educate a girl.”**

Evaluate this statement with reference to the needs of less economically developed societies. [50]

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