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New GCE 6GP04 4B – Ideological Traditions

General comments

There were only a small number of entries for this unit. The standard of the responses was variable, however. In many cases, candidates had not been appropriately prepared to deal effectively with the issues addressed.

Giving the cross-cutting nature of the ideologies studied in Unit 4B – nationalism, feminism, multiculturalism and ecologism – candidates are certain to benefit from a sound grounding in the ideologies that are encountered in Unit 3B, particularly liberalism and socialism.

The standard of performance in relation to multiculturalism and ecologism questions, the topics that are new to the specification, was generally unimpressive, but this also applied to some responses to nationalism and feminism questions.

On the other hand, there were a small number of high quality responses. This tended to apply mainly to the feminism questions, where the concept of patriarchy was sometimes clearly defined and explained, its implications being discussed with insight, while feminism's relationship to other political ideologies was at times discussed with a high level of analytical insight.

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Uniform Mark	80	70	60	50	40

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