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Preliminary Material

Sources Booklet for Unit 2

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You have been given **one** copy of this Sources Booklet for use during your preparation for the examination. You may annotate this copy as you wish but you are **not** allowed to take it into the examination.

You will be provided with a clean copy of the Sources Booklet, along with the question paper, for use in the examination.

You are advised to study **two** of the Options in this Sources Booklet and the issues raised in them. In the examination you will be required to answer **all** questions from the **two** options that you choose.

Your teacher is encouraged to teach lessons based on the Sources Booklet and to give assistance and advice as required.

Option 1: Conflict and Co-operation

Source A Is it my fault?

Bullying is when people deliberately hurt, harass or intimidate someone else. In 2008/09, more than 31 000 young people called the children's charity ChildLine about bullying, making it the most common problem they phoned about.

These are some of the ways young people describe bullying:

- being called names
- being teased
- being punched, pushed or attacked
- being forced to hand over money, mobiles or other possessions
- getting abusive or threatening text messages or emails
- using social networking websites
- having rumours spread about them
- being ignored or left out
- being attacked because of their religion, disability, appearance, ethnicity or race.

Bullying is one of the most common reasons why young people stay away from school. In 2009, 42% of young people who had been bullied stayed away from school. This means that 20 000 young people stay away every day as a result of bullying. They often fall behind in their schoolwork and get into trouble with their school and parents.

Source: adapted from Beatbullying, 2006 and www.nspcc.org.uk

Source B Some students talk about bullying in school



Charlotte, aged 12

When I started my new secondary school, a girl began to call me names. I thought it was my fault because I didn't fit in. I was new and she had lots of friends from her primary school. I felt alone. I didn't know what to do, so I spoke to my form tutor. Talking about it made me feel a lot better, because she sat me next to Shilpa in registration. She seemed to understand what it was like to feel alone. Now I'm friends with Shilpa and we don't take any notice.

We were told by our teacher that if you're being bullied at school, you must tell an adult. Our school has a policy on bullying, which tells you what you should do if you are bullied. The teacher said that I didn't have to put up with being bullied and it wasn't my fault. He said writing it down is often a good way to remember what has happened. He also said it's important to feel safe, but that's not as easy as he thinks. You still feel scared when you walk home from school because my mates don't walk home the same way as I do.



Jacob, aged 14



Pratik, aged 13

I was walking home from school and I saw a small boy being chased by a gang in the park. They called him names, swore at him and kicked him. I hid behind a tree because I was too scared to do anything in case they turned on me. He was lucky. Some sixth-formers came and the gang ran off. The sixth-formers helped the boy up and took him back to school. The next day, our Head of Year asked if there were any witnesses. I wanted to tell her what had happened but I was scared. Anyway, the boy seemed all right the next morning.

I didn't suddenly decide to be a bully but it got to be a habit. It felt good to have power and I got respect amongst my mates. It was easy to pick on the younger kids on our estate, especially Billy. Looking back, the awful thing was that I felt good seeing him cry. The others laughed and I got a bit of a 'buzz'. Then one of our neighbours said Billy was in the hospital because he had tried to hurt himself to escape from the bullying. It started out as a bit of fun, I didn't mean him to take it so seriously.



Jay, aged 15

Option 2: Prejudice and Persecution

Source C On the scrap-heap at 50?



Employers can benefit from having workers from all age groups. Employees are choosing to retire when they are older than 65. This means that not only are people living longer, but they are also working longer. There are fewer younger people starting work, which means that it makes sense to use workers' skills and experience regardless of their age.

Older employees offer the following advantages:

- higher skill levels
- a better service for customers
- more motivation and commitment
- less time off work.

Employers can support and keep older workers in several ways:

- work with them to find different tasks or a reduction in their hours
- let employees work after retirement age
- use older workers to pass on important skills and support less experienced colleagues.

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Source D Older workers talk about their experiences



Harry, aged 58

I lost my job five years ago. I can't find another job because employers have a negative attitude about my age. I've filled in over 30 application forms and I've even lied about how old I am, but once you get an interview, you know what to expect. At 58, you do not fit the image they want to show their customers. It's depressing. We all know age discrimination exists but it's impossible to prove. They're very careful to treat you the same as all the other applicants but then they appoint someone younger who they think will work harder. I still have a look at the jobs in the local paper but what's the point?

I worked for 38 years as a finance administrator and took early retirement. It was a good deal but I couldn't just sit at home doing next to nothing. I'd always liked gardening so when I saw an advert offering part-time work at the local garden centre, my daughter encouraged me to apply. The manager was very helpful and she never asked me about my age. She let me decide which days I wanted to work. I only work a couple of days a week but I feel wanted and useful again. The younger workers seem to come and ask me for help and it's good to talk to the customers about the best plants and shrubs for their garden.



Dorothy, aged 63



Barbara, aged 55

I had been a teacher of French and German for 32 years. I was made redundant when they merged two neighbouring schools into one and it was obvious they wanted younger teachers with more enthusiasm and energy. They saw no value in my skills and experience. It's like a punch in the stomach, really. It makes you feel unwanted. I still have so much to offer.

I went for this job and this guy looked me up and down and went, "You do know there are stairs in this building, don't you? ... And would you be able to carry files?" They think you aren't up to the job and that you won't cope with the physical side of work. Ageism is there 100% as far as I'm concerned. Age is treated like a disability, and you feel the need to hide your age. I've been asked at the end of interviews, "What's your date of birth?", and then "Oh", and then nothing.



Bob, aged 57

Source: adapted from Age UK (charity no 1128267)

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Option 3: Global Inequality

Source E Drought causes serious problems in East Africa

The drought of 2009 has created serious problems in countries such as Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Uganda and Kenya. The soil has become dry and unproductive and farmers cannot grow their crops to make a living. This has meant governments and charities are trying to help the people of East Africa to cope with the lack of rain and stop them moving towards towns and cities looking for food, water and shelter. The World Food Programme estimates that over 22 million people will be affected by this environmental disaster and so plans to send emergency food supplies, water and medicines to the region.

Source F The effects of drought



Jomo, a Sudanese
nomadic cattle-herder

We are used to droughts in the Sudan. We move around the lands looking for grass for our animals. We have learned to deal with the lack of water. However, there is a lot less rain and the grazing land has not grown as it normally does. We have to struggle against daily hunger, malnutrition and thirst, but we also struggle more and more each year to keep our nomadic lifestyle.

Last week 32 people were killed, including women and children, during a cattle raid in northern Kenya. These raids are traditionally used by tribes to get a new supply of animals. Many people fear that less water and poor grazing land will cause more problems in the future. The violence shows how desperate people have become. We need to sink a well in every village to give local people clean drinking water in the future.



George,
an aid worker



Tefere, a wheat
farmer in Ethiopia

The drought has created thousands of homeless people with nowhere to go. These refugees are farmers who have been worst hit by the drought. People have had to leave their land and are trying to get out of eastern Africa, but I do not know where they are going to go. This drought is everywhere, so where are they going to go? We have struggled to grow enough crops because of the lack of rain and we can't make a living. The shortages have doubled food prices and this has been made worse because our government has no money.

We will be able to feed most of these people for the next few weeks, but the World Food Programme will need nearly \$1 billion to provide enough emergency aid for the next six months. It takes a lot of money simply to keep people alive, and we are struggling to do that. Even when there is not a crisis, there is not enough money around for long-term development. We have been told to expect storms next month and the heavy rainfall on the dry lands will cause soil erosion and flooding and will create more problems. We also fear malaria and cholera outbreaks.



Peter, World Food
Programme Regional
Co-ordinator

Source: adapted from voanews.com

Option 4: Family and Socialisation

Source G Are you ready to be a house husband?



More and more men in the UK are giving up work to become house husbands, putting their children's welfare before their careers. The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics reveal that there are 192 000 house husbands in the UK, compared to 119 000 sixteen years ago.

Some men are becoming house husbands because of the recession. For other men, it is a positive lifestyle choice. Numbers look set to rise further as thousands of unemployed men find themselves at home, reliant on their wives' higher earning power.

Whether it's changing a nappy or reading a story, many fathers are now more involved in childcare. However, it is important to realise that, over the same period, many fathers have been disappearing from their children's lives.

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Source H Four men describe what it is like to be a house husband



Gary

My girlfriend, Sarah, had just got her degree in law when she fell pregnant. Before Ella was born we decided it would be better if Sarah got a full-time job and I did the childcare duties. Money was tight right from the start. I still played football on Sundays, but cut out the trips to the pub. At weekends, when Sarah was around to look after Ella, I was able to pick up the odd bit of work to boost our income. As time went on, I saw less and less of my mates and, when we did meet up, I noticed that they made jokes about me. The teasing got nastier and nastier and it started to get to me, so now I hardly see them at all.

I knew babies cried a lot and any new parent has to be prepared to lose sleep. The real trouble started when my wife Lorraine went back to work. We had been taking it in turns to get up during the night when Jack woke up. Within a week, Lorraine had moved into our spare room, because I was up and down with Jack so often. Within a fortnight, I was walking about like a zombie. I took Jack to see the doctor because he wouldn't go to sleep during the night. Of course, Jack was perfectly healthy. It was a great relief when the doctor suggested that Jack shouldn't sleep so much during the day. But when Jack nodded off, I joined him.



Tony



Ben

Sally had a better pension plan than I did and we knew she would get less money if she took a break from work. I took over the childcare duties once Sally's maternity leave came to an end. I was a bit surprised by the reaction I got at work. There were a lot of good-natured comments about who's "wearing the trousers". Having said that, I don't have the slightest regret about the decision I made. I've already had loads of fun with Josh and the more he grows and develops, the more new things we can do. However, at times, Sally can feel a bit envious of how close Josh and I are, even though she has a great relationship with him too.

When my wife went back to work, I was frightened. The other mums had either given up work altogether or returned part-time and, unlike me, all the other dads were in full-time employment. I was aware that our arrangement was very different. Being a house husband gave me something in common with the mums. There was always plenty to talk about and, every week, the couple of hours we spent together just flew by as we swapped stories, advice and experiences.



Errol

Source: adapted from www.dadathome.co.uk

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Option 5: People and Work

Source I Are you happy in your work?



In 2008, 54 per cent of workers were satisfied with their job. Women had higher levels of job satisfaction than men, and part-time employees had higher levels of satisfaction than those working full-time.

Apart from pay, there are a number of possible ways of motivating workers. These usually involve:

- greater variety of work
- more responsibility
- more recognition of their work
- a greater sense of working as a team.

You spend an awful lot of your life at work so it is sensible to try and do something which you are good at, enjoy and see as important.

Source: reprinted from www.thetimes100.co.uk

Source J Changing jobs



John, aged 35

I got fed up with other people demanding things. I wanted something more from work, so I started my own marketing company. I created my own website and it was great to be able to combine work with pleasure. I was lucky to find some good clients quickly and I am enjoying work again. Working from home has also been a rewarding aspect of my new career, with no more hours stuck in a traffic jam. I don't earn as much but it's well worth it.

When I began my job as a receptionist, I was just out of college. I knew from the first week that this was a place I could be really happy. I quickly got to know how the business operated. I found the actual work as a receptionist rather boring but I found that colleagues often stopped for a chat and I took notice of what people told me. I then applied for a position in the accounts department as they were appointing some new trainees. Six years later, I'm now a qualified accountant with the same company. I've worked hard to achieve what I have and I've got loads of great advice for anyone starting at the bottom.



Ruth, aged 28



Penny, aged 33

When I left university, I got a job as a computer software designer. I've since moved around a bit and I ended up working on some fantastic projects. I didn't dislike my career, but felt a desire to do something more with people. My husband and I had our first baby two years ago and I had amazing care from my midwife and doctor. After giving birth, I really wanted to make sure other women had the great experience that I had. So I signed up for a three-year course to train as a midwife at our local hospital. It was really hard to adjust, especially with all the studying that I thought I had left behind. I feel I can now make such a difference and I can't wait to get to work.

I was working in a successful building supplies company and the pay was good, but I found the thought of driving to work every day a real turn-off. I just couldn't be bothered to leave early enough to miss the traffic. I was always late – I had to work through my breaks and at home to catch up in order to deal with all of my clients. I tried to talk about my problems with my boss. I asked her if I could work from home a couple of days a week but she wanted me to be available in the office if she needed to speak to me.



Zakir, aged 38

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