SOCIOLOGY
Written examination

Wednesday 3 November 2010
Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes)
Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

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• Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
• Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
• No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied
• Question and answer book of 20 pages.
• Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions
• Write your student number in the space provided above on this page.
• All written responses must be in English.

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Question 1
What factors help both maintain and weaken a sense of community?
Refer to material you have studied this year.
Question 2
Discuss two different ways that the concept of community can be understood. Refer to material you have studied this year.
SECTION B

Instructions for Section B
Examine the representations and answer the following questions.

Great New Aussie Flat
by
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1 relic – symbol from the past
2 stubbie – bottle

The Australian, 26 January, 2010, p. 13

Question 3

a. What do these representations suggest about some Australian attitudes to the Australian flag?

5 marks
b. Do the attitudes represented on the two flags reflect the culture and aspirations of multicultural Australia?
c. Choose a controversial aspect of Australian national culture that can be seen in the representations or from other material you have studied this year. Discuss the debate about this aspect of Australia’s national culture.
Australia’s democratic beliefs, rights and liberties

At the citizenship ceremony, you pledge that you share Australia’s democratic beliefs and that you respect the rights and liberties of the people of Australia.

Australia is a democracy. A democracy is a system of government in which citizens freely choose representatives to govern the country and make laws on their behalf.

Australians believe in peace, respect, freedom and equality. An important part of being Australian is respecting other people’s differences and choices, even if you don’t agree with those choices. It is about treating people fairly and giving all Australians equal opportunities and freedoms, no matter where they come from, what their traditions are, or whether they are male or female.

These democratic beliefs have shaped our country and culture and are a reason why so many people want to become Australian. It is therefore very important that you understand these democratic beliefs, and the rights and liberties that all Australian people respect.

*Australian Citizenship, Our Common Bond, Commonwealth of Australia, 2009, p. 17*

**Question 4**

a. According to the representation, what ‘democratic beliefs’ underpin Australian citizenship?

b. Describe two rights or liberties that all Australian people are presumed to respect.
c. What different ways have communities in Australia experienced citizenship?
In your answer refer to communities you have studied this year.

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6 marks
d. Discuss how the government and media (including the Internet) have promoted or eroded democracy and active citizenship in Australia.
Question 5

a. ‘Globalisation makes the rich even richer and more powerful and the poor even poorer and more powerless.’
   Discuss in relation to Australia’s citizens, communities and government.

   OR

b. ‘Globalisation has caused significant changes to social, economic and political life in Australia.’
   Evaluate the impact of globalisation on an area of Australian life you have studied this year.

   OR

c. ‘Globalisation may cause serious threats to Australia.’
   Discuss this statement and use evidence to support your views.

Either a, b, or c.

20 marks
Extra space for responses

Clearly number all responses in this space.