



# **MARKSCHEME**

**May 2012**

**PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**

**Standard Level**

**Paper 1**

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**1. Explain briefly the meaning of the following terms in Source B:**

- (a) Obedience (line 1) [2 marks]**

The candidate will gain [1 mark] for a sufficient explanation of the word “obedience” such as “Obedience means listening to and doing what others tell you regardless of your own opinion.” The candidate will gain [2 marks] for giving a more academic definition (e.g. “A change in belief or behaviour in response to actual direction by a recognized authoritative figure”).

- (b) Legitimate authority (line 5) [2 marks]**

The candidate who simply rephrases the term (e.g. “An authority that is considered legitimate”) will gain [0 marks]. The candidate will gain [1 mark] for a brief explanation of the term. The candidate will gain [2 marks] for demonstrating a more thorough understanding of the term, or one related directly to Milgram’s experiment.

**2. Analyse the following statement from Source A, “There’s no opportunity for them to say ‘What’s my moral stance on this?’” (lines 22–23). Answer with reference to Source A and to the other sources where relevant. [4 marks]**

[1 mark] will be awarded for a superficial attempt to answer the question. Answers that only explain what the author might mean will gain up to [2 marks]. For [3 marks], the candidate will analyse the statement in the context of studies in obedience and, possibly, conformity, referring effectively to the sources provided in this paper. [4 marks] will be awarded for an exemplary answer, showing a deeper understanding of experiments in obedience to authority and making effective use of the source(s).

**3. Compare and contrast the opinion expressed by Dr Bernard Starr in Source D with those put forward in Sources A and C. [4 marks]**

Candidates must relate the statement of Source D to both Sources A and C. Answers relating to only Source A or Source C will be awarded a maximum of [2 marks]. Answers should focus on significant differences and similarities between Starr’s position in Source D and the positions expressed in Sources A and C. [1 mark] will be awarded for a superficial attempt to answer the question. Answers that only mention differences or similarities will receive a maximum of [2 marks]. For [2 marks], the candidate will mention the main similarity and difference between Source D and Sources A and C. For [3 marks], the candidate will mention at least two similarities and two differences between these sources. [4 marks] will be awarded for an exemplary answer, showing a deep understanding of the interrelations of the three sources.

- 4. To what extent can psychological studies give a convincing explanation for human cruelty? Answer with reference to the sources and to your own knowledge. [8 marks]**

This is a mini-essay. Candidates should analyse the strengths and weaknesses of obedience studies such as the ones conducted by Stanley Milgram, and relate these to recent “reproductions” and related studies such as those conducted by Asch as discussed in Source C. Answers that use only own knowledge or only information from the sources will receive a maximum of *[4 marks]*. For *[1–2 marks]*, the candidate must examine these issues superficially. For *[3–4 marks]*, the candidate must answer the question with satisfactory but limited arguments or with little reference to the sources. *[5–6 marks]* will be awarded if the candidate analyses the strengths and weaknesses in a relevant and accurate way. The candidate must develop a solid thesis followed by a compelling and relevant argument. *[7–8 marks]* will be awarded if the candidate offers deeper insight beyond these references. Full marks can also be awarded to answers challenging the assumptions made in one or more of the sources in a profound way, showing insights beyond the demands of the question.

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