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## New GCE 6GP04 4D - Global Political Issues

### General Comments

There were only a small number of entries for this unit. With the exception of the occasional short question or essay, the general standard of response was not high, perhaps indicating the limited time that was available to prepare candidates for a Unit 4 paper, as candidates have presumably also been studying for Unit 3, and probably 3D.

Nevertheless, few responses were entirely irrelevant or based on gross misunderstanding; rather, they suffered from a limited development of appropriate knowledge and understanding, aligned, often, to weak conceptual or theoretical awareness. Issues that were often inadequately understood included the nature of human rights, the range of reasons why modern wars have been classified as 'new' wars, and the reasons why religion has become more important in modern global politics.

The issue of global warming was often discussed using the example of the 2009 Copenhagen Conference on climate change. Although this showed helpful contemporary understanding and sometimes allowed worthwhile insights to be developed, wider concerns and deeper problems sometime went unexplored. On the other hand, the issue of international aid was sometimes discussed with insight, in the best cases based on appropriate empirical evidence.

## Statistics

### *Overall Subject Grade Boundaries*

Grade	A	B	C	D	E
Overall subject grade boundaries	54	49	44	39	34
Uniform Mark	80	70	60	50	40



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