



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2025

Centre Number

--	--	--	--	--

Candidate Number

--	--	--	--	--

Home Economics: Child Development

Unit 1

Parenthood, Pregnancy and
the Newborn Baby



[GCD11]

GCD11

FRIDAY 6 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all eight** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is **75**.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **7** and **8**.



1 Read the following statements and tick the box beside each correct answer.

Tick [✓] only **one** box for each statement.

(a) This health professional supports the mother 10 days after birth.

A midwife

B sonographer

C health visitor

D GP

[1]

(b) Blocked oil glands around the baby's face and nose are known as:

A vernix

B lanugo

C milia

D fontanelle

[1]

(c) This measures how the baby cries in response to stimulation:

A grimace

B appearance

C pulse

D respiration

[1]



(d) The female sex hormone is called:

A testosterone

B oxytocin

C prolactin

D oestrogen

[1]



2 (a) Explain **one** function of the umbilical cord.

[2]

(b) Write down **three** symptoms of post-natal depression.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____ [3]

(c) Explain the role of a:

(i) Gynaecologist

[2]

(ii) Midwife

[2]



(d) Describe the development of the fetus in the womb at 14 weeks.



Source: © 3DME DISPHERE / Science Photo Library

[4]

[Turn over



3 (a) Antenatal care is important for a pregnant woman.

Explain why the following are carried out:

(i) Baby's heartbeat check

[2]

(ii) Blood pressure test

[2]

(b) Describe the following types of delivery:

(i) Induction

[2]

(ii) Breech

[2]



(c) Identify **five** reflexes of a newborn baby.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____ [5]

(d) Discuss the role of grandparents in the family.

_____ [4]



4 (a) Diseases can affect the baby in the womb.

Explain how rubella can affect the unborn baby.

[2]

(b) Explain why a pregnant woman should avoid:

(i) Liver

[2]

(ii) Raw or lightly cooked eggs

[2]

(iii) Caffeine

[2]



5 (a) Write down **three** ways to help prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ [3]

(b) Explain why a pregnant woman should eat foods that contain:

(i) Iron

_____ [2]

(ii) NSP (fibre)

_____ [2]

(iii) Calcium

_____ [2]

[Turn over





BLANK PAGE

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE

(Questions continue overleaf)



DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE

For Examiner's use only	
Question Number	Marks
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	

Total Marks	
--------------------	--

Examiner Number

Permission to reproduce all copyright material has been applied for.
In some cases, efforts to contact copyright holders may have been unsuccessful and CCEA will be happy to rectify any omissions of acknowledgement in future if notified.

15910/1



16GCD1116