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Modern Studies
Paper 1

Duration — 1 hour 45 minutes

Total marks — 52

SECTION 1 — DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 marks

Attempt **ONE** question from 1(a) **OR** 1(b) **OR** 1(c) **OR** 1(d).

SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 marks

Part A Social inequality

Part B Crime and the law

Attempt **ONE** question from 2(a) **OR** 2(b) **OR** 2(c) **OR** 2(d) **OR** 2(e) **OR** 2(f).

SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 12 marks

Part C World powers

Part D World issues

Attempt **ONE** question from 3(a) **OR** 3(b) **OR** 3(c) **OR** 3(d) **OR** 3(e) **OR** 3(f).

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.

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Attempt **ONE** question from 1(a) **OR** 1(b) **OR** 1(c) **OR** 1(d)

Question 1

(a) To what extent are the arguments in favour of Brexit more convincing than the arguments against?

You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

OR

(b) To what extent can government be held to account by parliament?

You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

OR

(c) To what extent do the electoral systems you have studied provide effective choice **and** fair representation?

You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

OR

(d) To what extent is age a greater influence on voting behaviour than other factors?

You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

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Question 2

Part A Social inequality

Answers may refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both.

(a) Some causes of income and wealth inequalities are more significant than others.
Discuss. **20**

OR

(b) Collectivism is the most effective approach in tackling social inequality.
Discuss. **20**

OR

(c) Inequalities in the UK are being successfully tackled by government policies.
Discuss. **20**

OR

Part B Crime and the law

Answers may refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both.

(d) Some causes of crime are more significant than others.
Discuss. **20**

OR

(e) Crime has little impact on wider society.
Discuss. **20**

OR

(f) Custodial responses to crime have failed and should be replaced by non-custodial alternatives.
Discuss. **20**

[Turn over for next question

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Question 3

Part C World powers

With reference to a world power you have studied

(a) analyse the ability of the population to participate in the political process. **12**

OR

(b) analyse the effects of socio-economic inequality on **a group** you have studied. **12**

OR

(c) evaluate the effectiveness of **government** responses to socio-economic inequality. **12**

OR

Part D World issues

With reference to a world issue you have studied

(d) analyse the role that **political** factors have played in causing the issue. **12**

OR

(e) evaluate the impact of the issue on **individuals and their families**. **12**

OR

(f) analyse the work of international organisations in tackling the issue. **12**

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