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**Modern Studies
Paper 1**

THURSDAY, 18 MAY

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Total marks — 52

SECTION 1 — DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM — 12 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 — 20 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.



SECTION 1 — DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM — 12 marks

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

Question 1

- (a) Analyse the arguments for and against the reform of Scotland's system of devolved government.

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

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OR

- (b) Analyse the ability of parliament to hold the government to account.

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

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OR

- (c) Evaluate the effectiveness of any electoral system used in the UK.

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

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OR

- (d) Evaluate the influence of **age** on voting behaviour.

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

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SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 marksAttempt **ONE** question from 2(a) OR 2(b) OR 2(c) OR 2(d) OR 2(e) OR 2(f)**Question 2****Part A: Social inequality**

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

- (a) To what extent are some factors more important than others in causing health inequalities? 20

OR

- (b) To what extent do specific groups in society suffer inequality?
In your response you may refer to a single group or more than one group. 20

OR

- (c) To what extent are government measures effective in tackling inequalities? 20

OR**Part B: Crime and the law**

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

- (d) To what extent do UK citizens have their rights effectively protected? 20

OR

- (e) To what extent are **offenders** the group most affected by crime? 20

OR

- (f) To what extent are non-custodial responses to crime more effective than custodial responses? 20

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SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 20 marksAttempt **ONE** question from 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c) OR 3(d) OR 3(e) OR 3(f)**Question 3****Part C: World powers**

With reference to a world power you have studied

- (a) government decision-making is dominated by one branch of government or political institution.

Discuss.

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OR

- (b) socio-economic inequality significantly impacts a group in society.

Discuss.

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OR

- (c) its ability to influence other countries is significant.

Discuss.

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OR**Part D: World issues**

With reference to a world issue you have studied

- (d) some causes of this issue are more important than others.

Discuss.

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OR

- (e) the issue has a significant impact on individuals, families and communities.

Discuss.

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OR

- (f) the effects of the issue on the wider international community are significant.

Discuss.

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