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Modern Studies
Paper 1

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

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).

SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 12 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).

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).

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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MARKS

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

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

Question 1

(a) Parliamentary representatives are effective in holding the government to account.
Discuss.
You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

OR

(b) Voting systems used in the UK have many strengths.
Discuss.
You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

OR

(c) Pressure groups have varying levels of influence on government decision-making in the UK.
Discuss.
You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

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SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 12 marks

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

Question 2

Part A: Social inequality

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

(a) Analyse the causes of income and wealth inequalities. **12**

OR

(b) Evaluate the effectiveness of collectivist approaches to tackling social and economic inequality. **12**

OR

Part B: Crime and the law

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

(c) Analyse the causes of crime. **12**

OR

(d) Evaluate the impact of crime on wider society. **12**

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SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 20 marks

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

Question 3

Part C: World powers

With reference to a world power you have studied

(a) to what extent do opportunities exist for citizens to effectively influence the actions of their government? **20**

OR

(b) to what extent have government responses been successful in tackling socio-economic inequality? **20**

OR

Part D: World issues

With reference to a world issue you have studied

(c) to what extent are some factors which cause the issue more important than others? **20**

OR

(d) to what extent have international organisations been effective in tackling the issue? **20**

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