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

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PART A — DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND

In your answers to Questions 1, 2 and 3 you should give recent examples from Scotland.

Question 1

Scotland is a democracy.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** key features of democracy in Scotland. **4**

Question 2

MSPs represent their constituents in a number of ways.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** ways MSPs represent their constituents. **6**

Attempt **EITHER** Question 3(a) **OR** 3(b)

Question 3

The Additional Member System (AMS) has several advantages and disadvantages.

(a) Explain, in detail, **either** the advantages **or** disadvantages of the Additional Member System.

You should give a **maximum** of **three** explanations in your answer. **8**

OR

Some people are less likely than others to participate in politics in Scotland.

(b) Explain, **in detail**, why some people are less likely than others to participate in politics in Scotland.

You should give a **maximum** of **three** explanations in your answer. **8**

[Now go to Question 7 starting on *page 04*]

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PART B — DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

In your answers to Questions 4, 5 and 6 you should give recent examples from the United Kingdom.

Question 4

The UK is a democracy.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** key features of democracy in the UK. **4**

Question 5

MPs represent their constituents in a number of ways.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** ways MPs represent their constituents. **6**

Attempt **EITHER** Question 6(a) **OR** 6(b)

Question 6

First Past the Post (FPTP) has several advantages and disadvantages.

(a) Explain, in detail, **either** the advantages **or** disadvantages of First Past the Post.

You should give a **maximum** of **three** explanations in your answer. **8**

OR

Some people are less likely than others to participate in politics in the UK.

(b) Explain, **in detail**, why some people are less likely than others to participate in politics in the UK.

You should give a **maximum** of **three** explanations in your answer. **8**

[Now go to Question 7 starting on *page 04*]

Question 7

Study Sources 1, 2 and 3 and then answer the question which follows.

SOURCE 1

Female representation in UK politics

Despite females making up nearly 51% of the UK population they remain underrepresented in UK politics. A 2019 report ranked the UK 39th out of 190 countries when it comes to parliamentary equality. Parliamentary equality means that the proportion of women in a national parliament is equal to their numbers in the general population.

Although women have yet to achieve fair representation, they do account for a healthy proportion of representatives in the House of Commons. Current levels of female representation in the House of Commons have seen a big improvement since the 1992 UK general election when women accounted for less than 10% of elected representatives. However, a worrying trend that will have an impact on female representation in the House of Commons is the number of women MPs who made the choice not to run for re-election in the 2019 UK general election, stating vicious online abuse and intimidation as the reasons for stepping down. Meanwhile, campaign groups such as '50:50 Parliament' continue the fight for female equality in parliament.

There are also promising signs of fairer representation in the devolved institutions of the UK. All of the devolved institutions have demonstrated gains over the last twenty years in female representation and in the Scottish Parliament, three out of the four main political parties have been led by women.

SOURCE 2

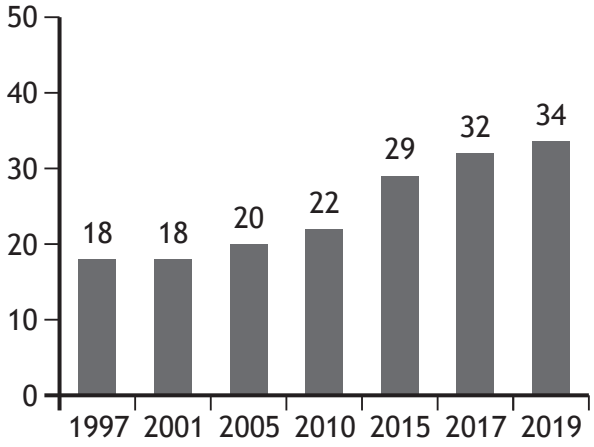
Female representation in selected parliaments worldwide (2020)

Country	Female population (%)	Females in parliament (%)
Canada	50	29
China	48	25
Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	52	13
Kenya	50	22
Poland	51	29
Rwanda	51	61
Spain	51	44
USA	50	27
United Kingdom	51	31

Question 7 (continued)

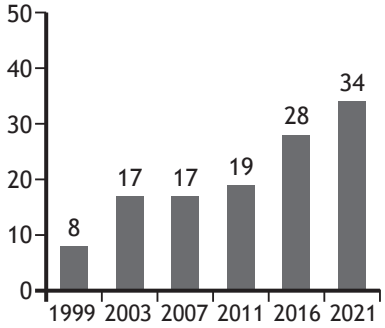
SOURCE 3

Female MPs elected to the House of Commons at UK general elections (%)



Female representation in the UK devolved institutions (%)

Northern Ireland Assembly



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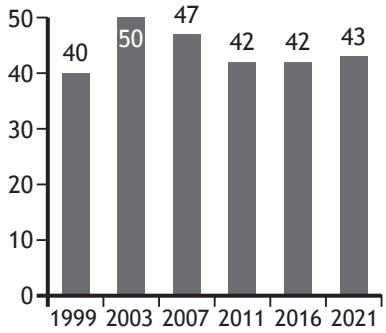
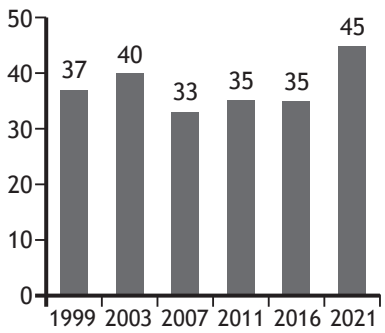


Scottish Parliament



Using Sources 1, 2 and 3, what conclusions can be drawn about female representation in politics?

You should reach a conclusion about each of the following

- progress towards equality in the House of Commons
- female representation in the UK compared to other countries
- the UK devolved institution where female representation has improved the most since 1999
- the country where female representation is closest to achieving parliamentary equality.

Your conclusions must be supported by evidence from the sources. You should link information within and between the sources in support of your conclusions.

Your answer **must** be based on all **three** sources. **10**

[Now go to SECTION 2 on *page 06*]

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SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 26 marks

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PART C — SOCIAL INEQUALITY

In your answers to Questions 8, 9 and 10 you should give recent examples from the United Kingdom.

Question 8

The government attempts to reduce inequality.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** ways the government has attempted to reduce inequality. **4**

Question 9

There are many consequences of social and economic inequality on families.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** consequences of social and economic inequality on families. **6**

Question 10

There are many groups in the UK that experience social and economic inequality.

Explain, **in detail**, **two** reasons why a group you have studied experience social and economic inequality. **6**

[Now go to Question 14 starting on *page 08*]

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PART D — CRIME AND THE LAW

In your answers to Questions 11, 12 and 13 you should give recent examples from the United Kingdom.

Question 11

The children's hearing system has many different roles in Scotland.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** roles of the children's hearing system in Scotland. **4**

Question 12

There are many consequences of crime on families.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** consequences of crime on families. **6**

Question 13

Alternatives to prison are an effective punishment.

Explain, **in detail**, **two** reasons why alternatives to prison are an effective punishment. **6**

[Now go to Question 14 starting on *page 08*]

Question 14

Study Sources 1, 2 and 3 and then answer the question which follows.

SOURCE 1

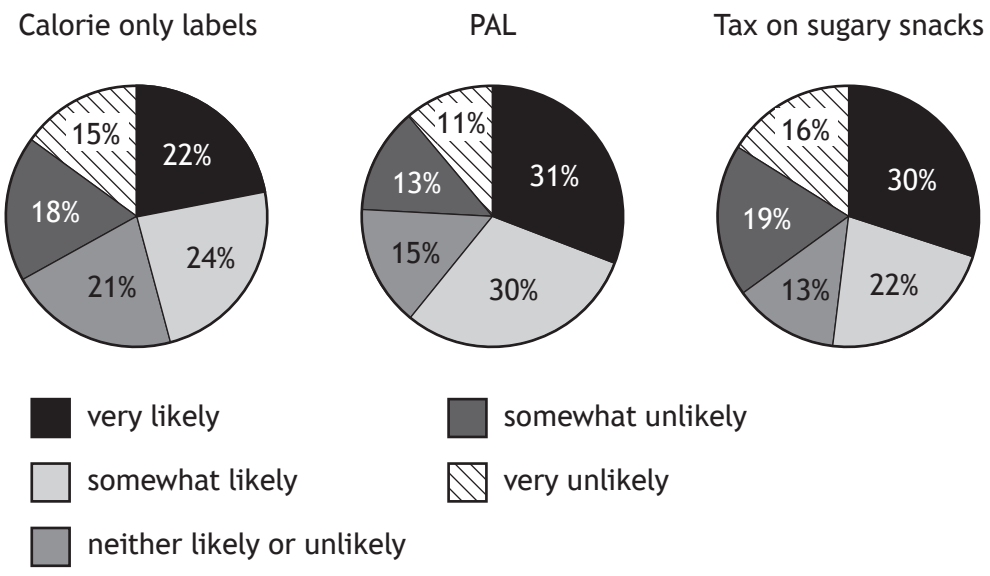
Physical Activity Labelling

Each year the UK spends £47 billion on the treatment of obesity which is a burden on the NHS. Physical Activity Labelling (PAL) would be one way of improving overall health by encouraging a reduction in calorie intake. PAL would be a small symbol showing how much exercise is required to burn off the calories contained in food and drink. This strategy could be used on packaging, supermarket labels and restaurant menus. It could be a way to reduce overeating or encourage people to exercise more to burn off the calories they have consumed. In restaurants and coffee shops, where people eat most of their high-calorie foods, there is usually limited labelling. A recent study indicates that there is support for the introduction of PAL and that people asked thought it might change their behaviour.

However, an international study in 2020 reported no significant reduction in calories from PAL. It is widely known that people spend very little time looking at food packaging before deciding whether to buy it or not. All pre-packed food requires a food label that displays certain information and all labelling must be accurate and not misleading. PAL could prove confusing alongside this existing labelling. Experts have suggested that a 'snack tax' on biscuits, cakes, chocolates and sweets would be more likely than PAL to change consumer purchasing and tackle obesity. Furthermore, around two thirds of adults in the UK take regular exercise as a way of keeping healthy.

SOURCE 2

Would the following encourage you to change your eating habits?



SOURCE 3 **MARKS**

Have Your Say

In your own words how would you describe your feelings about Physical Activity Labelling?

	Molly This will increase eating disorders rather than help those who would benefit from more exercise and losing weight in a safe healthy way. Such a bad idea!
	Josh People already take some responsibility for their choices: we're already very well informed with existing food labels and the importance of regular exercise.
	Nasir Obesity leads to so many health issues (such as heart disease, strokes and diabetes) so if this helps people indulge less, it should be given a chance.
	Sophie I have my doubts that this will make a difference as people pay little attention to food labels. Food packaging already has lots of information so adding more may confuse people.
	Amina The nutritional information must be easy to see, clearly legible and be difficult to remove and should not require consumers to open the product to access the information.
	Leo Treating diabetes is a major problem for the NHS - anything that helps save the health service money has to be good.
	Maria Physical Activity Labelling can only seek to improve health. Taking up more physical activities, such as swimming and running will help to reduce obesity levels.

Using Sources 1, 2 and 3 give reasons to **support** and **oppose** the view of Sally Frost.

Physical Activity Labelling (PAL) should be made compulsory in the UK.

View of Sally Frost

In your answer you **must**

- give evidence from the sources that supports Sally Frost's view

AND

- give evidence from the sources that opposes Sally Frost's view.

Your answer **must** be based on all **three** sources. **10**

[Now go to SECTION 3 on *page 10*]

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SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 26 MARKS

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Part E World powers *page 10*

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PART E — WORLD POWERS

In your answers to Questions 15, 16 and 17 you should give recent examples from a world power you have studied.

Question 15

Some people experience social and economic issues.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** ways some people experience **either** social **or** economic issues.

In your answer you must state the world power you have studied. **4**

Question 16

Some groups are not equally represented in politics.

Explain, **in detail**, **two** reasons why some groups are not equally represented in politics.

In your answer you must state the world power you have studied. **6**

Question 17

World powers have political influence on other countries.

Explain, **in detail**, **two** reasons why world powers have political influence on other countries.

In your answer you must state the world power you have studied. **6**

[Now go to Question 21 starting on *page 12*]

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PART F — WORLD ISSUES

In your answers to Questions 18, 19 and 20 you should give recent examples from a world issue you have studied.

Question 18

There are many consequences of world issues on the international community.

Describe, **in detail**, **two** consequences of the international conflict or issue on the regional and/or wider international community.

In your answer you must state the world conflict or issue you have studied. **4**

Question 19

Non-military attempts are often taken to resolve international conflicts and issues.

Explain, **in detail**, **two** reasons why non-military attempts are taken to resolve the international conflict or issue.

In your answer you must state the world conflict or issue you have studied. **6**

Question 20

There are many economic causes of international conflicts and issues.

Explain, **in detail**, **two** economic causes of an international conflict or issue.

In your answer you must state the world conflict or issue you have studied. **6**

[Now go to Question 21 starting on *page 12*]

Question 21

Study Sources 1, 2 and 3 and then answer the question which follows.

The Andacian province of Florin is about to elect their new Governor. You are a voter in Florin and are undecided about whether to vote for Avril Baker (Option 1) or for John Reynolds (Option 2).

Option 1 Vote for Avril Baker	**Option 2** Vote for John Reynolds

SOURCE 1

Avril Baker

Age: 37

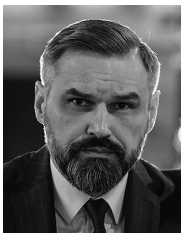
If I were elected Governor my main priorities would be:

The environment
Florin has stunning scenery and the government under my leadership will work to harness its power. There will be an increase in wind and wave power within a decade to ensure we combat climate change.

Youth unemployment
Our young people are suffering a major disadvantage as too few are accessing the workforce. The new provincial government will create modern apprenticeships in the film and TV industry to reverse this.

LGBTQ issues
I would work with the LGBTQ community to ensure there is equality in all laws. There is a strong feeling in the province that some laws are outdated and need reformed.

Other aims
I will work to increase the average incomes within Florin which remain low as well as aiming to improve law and order due to high crime rates. Florin's life expectancy is poor and I will look at ways to improve this.



John Reynolds

Age: 57

If I were elected Governor my main priorities would be:

Adult unemployment
Adult unemployment is too high in Florin and I will make it a priority to increase opportunities for those who lost their jobs in the forestry and fishing industries.

Education
I will ensure increased funding for schools and libraries, and enhance digital technologies. Education has been an area that has been neglected for years.

Transport
Harsh winters and recent flooding have caused major problems to our roads. Under my government we will re-route roads and resurface them to improve the network.

Other aims
I will look to increase tourism to pre COVID-19 levels given how important it is to the Florin economy. Too few young people in Florin stay on in high school and I aim to change this. I also plan to ensure more medical staff are recruited in order to deal with hospital shortages.

Question 21 (continued)

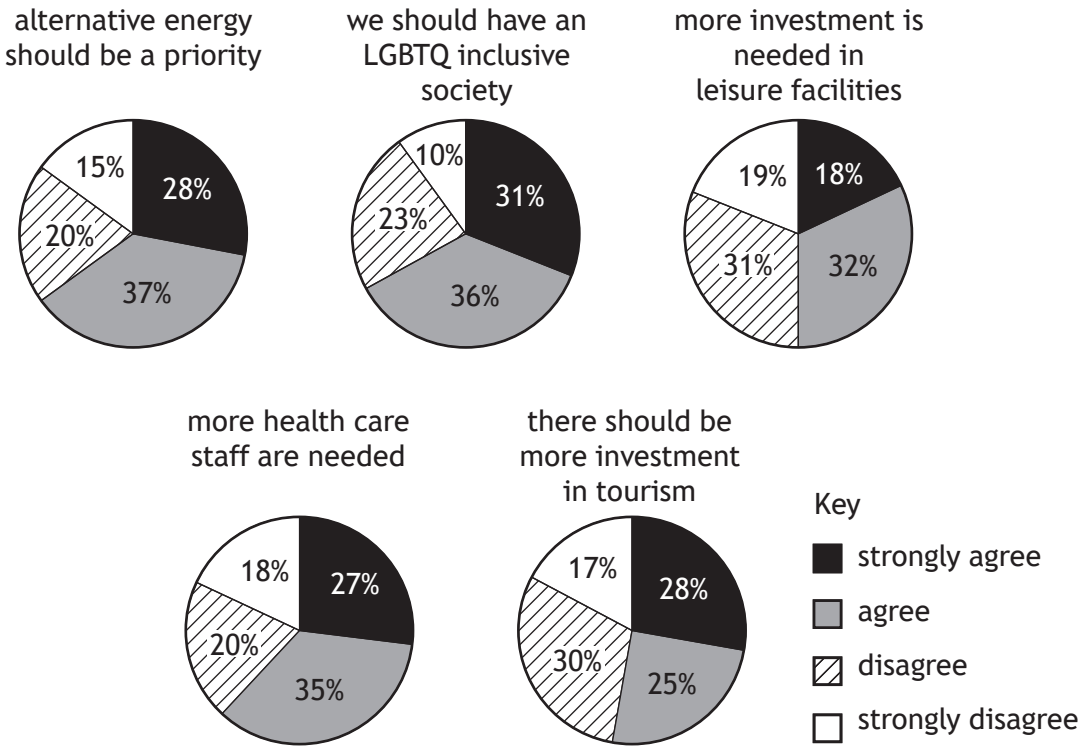
SOURCE 2

Official statistics

Florin is one of Andacia's eight provinces and is its second smallest. In 2021, the population was almost 940,000.

	Florin	Andacia
Average income	$46,924	$59,574
Average house prices	$540,199	$721,967
Adult unemployment	10.2%	6.2%
Completing high school	84%	77%
Crime rate (per 100,000)	3,075	5,488
Life expectancy (years)	82.5	80.1

Public opinion in Florin



Question 21 (continued)

SOURCE 3

FLORIN The NEWS

What's happening in the province?

Florin's industry is changing as thousands of adults are no longer employed in the traditional industries of forestry and fishing. New industries are taking their place. Over 15,000 people now work in the film and TV industry and companies are keen to employ more young people.

Tourism is a vital to Florin and normally contributes over one billion dollars to the economy each year. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, revenue from tourism has more than halved as less tourists are visiting Florin. Businesses are now calling on the Florin government to do more to support tourism.

Andacia is viewed very positively abroad but several provinces, including Florin, need to do more to be seen as an equal society. The province still has laws that do not promote equality for the LGBTQ community. Campaigners have recently been protesting around the law that denies same-sex marriage.

Climate change is having an impact on the road network within the province with several roads virtually washed away this year. This was due to heavy rain combined with more snow melt than usual. Environmental pressure groups are also promoting greater use of alternative green energy sources such as wind and wave power.

Florin's government is known to heavily invest in education. In recent months all young people in school have been issued with their own digital device to enhance their learning experience.

You must decide with option to recommend, **either** vote for Avril Baker (**Option 1**) **or** vote for John Reynolds (**Option 2**).

(i) Using Sources 1, 2 and 3, **which option would you choose**?

(ii) Give reasons to **support** your choice.

(iii) **Explain** why you did not choose the other option.

Your answer **must** be based on all **three** sources. **10**

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