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**Modern Studies  
Paper 1**

FRIDAY, 23 MAY

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

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**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 — 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).

**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).

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 — 20 marks**Attempt **ONE** question from 1(a) **OR** 1(b) **OR** 1(c)**Question 1**

- (a) To what extent do views differ about the most effective way to govern Scotland?  
You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

**OR**

- (b) To what extent can it be successfully argued that Brexit has not been beneficial to the UK?  
You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

**OR**

- (c) To what extent can UK voting behaviour be fully explained by the **age** of voters?  
You should refer to Scotland **or** the United Kingdom **or** both in your answer. **20**

**[Now go to SECTION 2 on *page 03*]**

**SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 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) Some factors are more important than others in causing health inequalities.  
Discuss.

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**OR**

- (b) Government measures have failed to reduce inequalities.  
Discuss.

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

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

- (c) Criminals are not born, they are created by the society in which they live.  
Discuss.

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**OR**

- (d) The most significant impact of crime on wider society is economic rather than social.  
Discuss.

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**[Now go to SECTION 3 on page 04]**

**SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 12 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) analyse the ability of one branch of government or political institution to dominate government decision-making. **12**

**OR**

- (b) evaluate the government's success in responding to socio-economic inequalities. **12**

**OR****Part D: World issues**

With reference to a world issue you have studied

- (c) analyse the effects of the issue on the wider international community. **12**

**OR**

- (d) evaluate the success of individual countries in responding to the issue. **12**

**[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**