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Citizenship Studies

CIST2

Unit 2 Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards
This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book
- your Active Citizenship Profile.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is CIST2.
- Answer **seven** questions.
In Section A, answer Questions

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 and either Question

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 or Question

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In Section B, answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.

Section A Making a difference

Answer Questions **0 1** and **0 2** and either Question **0 3** or Question **0 4**.

This section carries 30 marks.

Read the extract below and answer Questions **0 1** and **0 2** which follow.

Town Bans Plastic Bags

The idea of a plastic bag-free town comes from Rebecca Hoskins, a young wildlife camerawoman, who went to the Pacific last year to film marine life for the BBC but saw, first-hand, the problems caused by plastic bag pollution. There is growing concern about the 100 billion or more plastic bags thought to be littering the world and clogging the seas.

In Modbury, Devon, all 43 traders have declared their independence from the plastic bag and have pledged to no longer sell, give away or otherwise provide them to anyone. No one knows how much it will cost them or the town.

From now on, Adam in the deli, Simon the butcher, Sue in the gallery and Sarah in the gift shop are moving to cotton bags from India. If tourists nip into the Co-op for ice cream, they will be given a cloth bag. Modbury will be full of biodegradable, organic, fair trade, unbleached, recycled carrier bags of every description – except plastic.

Source: adapted from J VIDAL, 'Welcome to Modbury. Just don't ask for a plastic bag', *The Guardian*, 28 April 2007

Your answers should refer to the extract as appropriate, but you should also include other relevant information.

0 1 Identify and briefly explain **two** possible consequences of this campaign. (5 marks)

0 2 Using the extract and your own knowledge, explain what factors make a local campaign successful. (10 marks)

EITHER

0 3 Assess the reasons why some types of media appear to be more influential than others in forming the political attitudes of citizens. (15 marks)

OR

0 4 'With local, devolved, national and European, there are too many levels of government.'

Critically examine the case for **or** against reforming the current structure of government in the UK. (15 marks)

Section B Active Citizenship

Answer **all** questions in this section.

You should refer to your Active Citizenship Profile when answering this section.

This section carries 60 marks.

0 | 5 Briefly outline how you developed an area of citizenship knowledge in order to undertake an active citizenship task. *(5 marks)*

0 | 6 What are the advantages **and** disadvantages of working on your own when carrying out citizenship activities? Use examples of your own activity to support the points that you are making. *(15 marks)*

Read the extract below and answer Question **0 | 7** which follows.

‘Community Empowerment Action Plan’ announced

In 2007, the Secretary of State for Communities, Hazel Blears, launched ‘An Action Plan for Community Empowerment: Building on Success’. The plan set out how more people will be given more power over their communities in everything from tackling anti-social behaviour, managing social housing, tackling litter and fly tipping, to improving playgrounds and parks.

0 | 7 What issues arise when ordinary citizens are involved in making decisions about their local community? You may use examples from your own community to support the points that you are making. *(15 marks)*

0 | 8 Critically assess the claim that active citizens are an essential component of democratic society. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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