



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2010

Citizenship Studies

CIST2

Unit 2 Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

Tuesday 19 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 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 **three** questions.
In Section A, answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
In Section B, answer all parts of Question 4.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for part 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 Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
This section carries 30 marks.

- 1 Read the passage below and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

A Local Council Citizens' Panel

A local council set up a Citizens' Panel in 1999 in partnership with the Police and the Health Authority. The Panel has 2 400 members from every walk of life and from all parts of the area.

Each member receives a questionnaire every three months, plus a newsletter telling them the results of the previous surveys and how these have been acted on.

Survey questions cover issues such as satisfaction with council services, general quality of life, community safety, transport, health and contacting the council. The answers are used to measure how well services are being delivered and to show where improvements could be made.

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

- (a) Identify **two** sections of the community that you believe should be represented on a Citizens' Panel and briefly explain why. *(5 marks)*
- (b) Briefly examine other ways in which citizens can be involved in local decision making. *(10 marks)*

EITHER

- 2 'The economy is so important to us all that the government must intervene in its running.'
Assess this statement. *(15 marks)*

OR

- 3 Assess the claim that all political power in the UK is held by central government. *(15 marks)*

SECTION B – ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Answer **all** parts of Question 4.

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

This section carries 60 marks.

- 4 (a) Briefly outline how an active citizenship task that you have undertaken has helped you to develop a citizenship skill. *(5 marks)*
- (b) How effective have you been as an active citizen during this course? You should use examples from your Active Citizenship Profile to support the points that you are making. *(15 marks)*

Read the text below and answer part (c) which follows.

Volunteering in the UK

- In 1997, 22 million people volunteered in the UK.
- An additional 11 million people said that they would be willing to become volunteers if asked.

- (c) What would be the impact on your local community if more citizens became involved in voluntary work? *(15 marks)*
- (d) Critically assess the claim that young people are not interested or involved in the political process. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

There are no questions printed on this page

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT-HOLDERS AND PUBLISHERS

Permission to reproduce all copyright material has been applied for. In some cases efforts to contact copyright-holders have been unsuccessful and AQA will be happy to rectify any omissions of acknowledgements if notified.

Copyright © 2010 AQA and its licensors. All rights reserved.