



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2015

Citizenship Studies

CIST2

Unit 2 Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

Friday 22 May 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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 **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 your 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 source below and answer Questions **0 1** and **0 2** which follow.

Referendums in the UK

All levels of government in the UK are increasingly using referendums to help to decide issues. Many people welcome this form of direct democracy. Others, however, are concerned that referendums undermine the concept of representative democracy. Since 1973 there have been ten major referendums held within the UK. In November 2000, the Electoral Commission was established, which in addition to its other tasks, is the regulator responsible for the conduct of referendums.

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

0 1 Using an example, explain what is meant by the term 'a referendum'. **[5 marks]**

0 2 'Referendums undermine representative democracy.'
Briefly outline a case to **support** this view. **[10 marks]**

Either

0 3 Assess the reasons why so few people are interested in standing as candidates in local government elections in the UK. **[15 marks]**

or

0 4 'Pressure groups weaken democracy in the UK'.
Discuss the case either for **or** against this view. **[15 marks]**

Section B: Active Citizenship

Answer **all** questions in this section.

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

This section carries 60 marks.

0 5 Briefly outline how you developed an area of citizenship knowledge when planning or undertaking an Active Citizenship Task. **[5 marks]**

0 6 Identify a citizenship skill that you used when undertaking an Active Citizenship Task. Explain how this skill assisted you in carrying out the task. **[15 marks]**

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

Power of citizens to bring about change

It is increasingly said that citizens have the power to bring about change, but to what extent can they influence economic issues and policy? In the past, boycotts of goods have been used to try to bring about changes in the policies of governments and companies. Campaigns have also been organised on a local, national and an international scale to highlight issues such as poverty and the national debt of some countries.

0 7 How can citizens try to bring about change with regard to economic issues? **[15 marks]**

0 8 Many people believe that the terms 'active citizenship' and 'volunteering' mean the same thing. Critically assess this statement, making reference where relevant to your own active participation. **[25 marks]**

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