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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
Yes	recognises a point worthy of credit
Dev	a developed point or development of a point
No	a content error
NAQ	not answering the question
eg	appropriate example
Sp/G/Eng	spelling, grammar and language error; you are not expected to correct all of them
()	indicates a choice or a key phrase
Key	written beside an underlined choice or key phrase
Rubric	rubric infringement
D	description
R	reason
Rep	repetition, often of the question
Ev	evaluation.

Subject-specific Marking Instructions

Guidance for Examiners

Do not use ticks in Section B and D. It is essential that your annotations show clearly why marks have been awarded or withheld – your team leader will assess your annotation as well as your accuracy.

Stages to an essay mark

Read and annotate **fully** the candidate's response, using any question specific annotations agreed at Standardisation

Review your annotation, and then consider in which level the answer is located.

Consider its position within the level and a possible mark.

Fine tune the mark by considering the Assessment Objectives.

eg AO1 good knowledge

very limited knowledge and eg

AO2 examples given

AO3 personal experience relevant

restricted personal experience

AO4 clearly written

inaccurate Spg

Comments must be positive and specific, eg excellent use of specialist knowledge AO1, notable for clarity and elegance AO4, some unusual egs well developed, well integrated AO2, the inclusion of personal experience and different perspectives AO3.

Enter the final mark in a circle.

If bullet points are used where continuous prose is asked for, a maximum of level 3 is available for a 30-mark question.

Assessment Objectives

AO1 Demonstrate Knowledge and Understanding

Demonstrate relevant knowledge and understanding applied to a range of issues, using skills from difference disciplines;

AO2 Analysis and Evaluation

Marshal evidence and draw conclusions; select, interpret, evaluate and integrate information, data concepts and opinions;

AO3 Understanding Knowledge

Demonstrate understanding of different types of knowledge, appreciating their strengths and limitations;

AO4 Communication

Communicate clearly and accurately in a concise, logical and relevant way.

Section A: The Cultural Domain

Que	stion	Answer	Marks	arks Guidance					
1 (a		 Ways include: blogs or articles can be posted by anyone without censorship the truth can be distorted through the influence of personal opinion rather than objective facts access is unsupervised and can be done from home without any form of monitoring people can literally say anything they want false information can be presented as authoritative images can be edited and altered details can be omitted contexts can be misleading timing of the release of information can target a key audience and opinions to be expressed. 	6	Assessment Question 1a In the assess alternative ar use of profes available. Use development development 1 mark is away	AO1 3 ment of an aswers an asional judge W1, W2 (up to 3 ray will only of	AO2 2 nswers, ed sugges gement in the for ways marks). A gain 1 ma	examiners tions that allocatin (2 marks simple stark.	will requir g the mar), D for atement w	e the ks
(b)	Advantages include: enables a broader spectrum of experience, views allows every individual to have 'a voice' irrespective of their beliefs, values or origins prevents the internet from being controlled by large, more powerful groups and organisations can lead to more definition and accuracy in information that is available.	6	Assessment Question 1b In the assess alternative ar use of profes available. Use development development 1 mark is away	AO1 3 ment of an aswers an asional judge A1, A2 (up to 3 r will only of	AO2 2 Inswers, ed sugges gement infor ways (marks). A gain 1 ma	examiners tions that a allocatin (2 marks) simple stark.	will requir g the mar and D for atement w	e the ks

Question	Answer	Marks			Guida	nce		
(c)	the moral character and ethical principles of reporters is constantly being examined	3	Assessment	Objectiv	e Balanc	e		
	there might always be an element of doubt about the		Question	A01	AO2	AO3	AO4	Total
	validity of stories and their source		1c	1	1		1	3
	 the rapidity with which news travels via the internet, and the ease by which it can be accessed (for free) means that there is no room for inaccuracy the pressure that reporters are under to be 'the first' means there is a greater chance of misjudgement in both the content and format of the news presented. 		A response nassessment of answers and professional judicial simple statem 1 mark.	of answer suggestic udgemer	s, examinons that wonthin the second in the	ers may r vill require ating the n	ead alterr the use c narks ava	native If Ilable. A
			1 mark is awa	arded for	clear con	nmunicatio	on [AO4].	
(d)	Views include:		Assessment Objective Balance					
	a 'virtual relationship' can become a reality without ever having seen or spoken to the other person face-		Question	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	Total
	to-face		1d	2	2	1100		4
	 if only email and messaging is used, the other person's looks and identity remain a mystery (supported by the blank features of the characters in Source 2) the anonymity that cyber-relationships bring can lead to the grooming of young people by older persons – there is no indication of age in the image the fact that one character appears to be pulling the other character out of the screen implies coersion or persuasion possibly unknowingly. 		Award 1 mark development In the assess alternative and use of professionavailable. Use	of each was ment of a swers an sional jud	view (D1, answers, end sugges lgement in	D2). examiners tions that allocatin	may read will requir g the mar	d e the ks

Question	Answer	Marks			Guida	ınce		
(e)	Advantages include:	11	1 Assessment Objective Balance					
	 keeping people in touch with friends, classmates, and relatives 		Question	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	Total
			1e	7	1		3	11
	 they are very cost effective and allow communication over great distances in a short period of time the ability to send and receive messages and pictures being able to find out and see, relatively easily, what family and friends are up to having the opportunity to make new friends both individually and as part of a group there are no geographical or cultural barriers and therefore provide a window for many previously impossible friendships the ability to build a network of contacts and interact with a lot of people at the same time. As such, you can spread your thoughts and interests to a large number of people the facility to procure information on any subject from anywhere being used as tool to promote a business, services, products, or websites. 		The question and disadvar balanced, tal benefit of tee examiners mawarding the use A for adreferring to S Content: Ma 7-8 marks A clear and obalance of a reference to 5-6 marks Good knowle and disadvar	n does not ntages but king into a enagers. In lay need to emarks averantages, source 2. eximum 8 detailed in dvantages teenagers	specify the the respuccion that the asset of use provailable. V D for disastant disast	onse shou at the info essment of fessional When anno advantage sheet that dvantage	r of advauld be failed be failed be failed be failed by the failed by th	ntages r and is for the s, nt when nswers when
	 the risk of identity theft and fraud the chance of individuals using sites as a way of promoting dubious activities and promoting on-line crimes or 'scams' people pretending to be someone else in order to gain trust; true identity is never known unless the person is met on-line harassment and stalking the spreading of malicious and libellous information 		3-4 marks Some unders but not fully of imbalanced v 1-2 marks A limited atte disadvantage of points. Co If only advantage maximum maximum maximum	explained with some empt to exes, with no municat	or develo lack of cl plain the clear ex ion has fr	ped. A terarity. advantage planations equent erages are	es and s or deverors.	be Topment

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Question	Answer		Guidance		
	 photographs of individuals and their family members can be misused in any number of ways if access is not denied. 		Allocate the scheme:	three marks for AO4 using the following	
				Meaning is clear and precise with very few errors of SPG.	
			2 marks	Meaning is clear with some errors of SPG.	
				Meaning is partially clear with several errors o SPG.	
			0 marks	Meaning is not clear.	

Section B: The Cultural Domain

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	Candidates are expected to:	30	Levels of Response These descriptors are intended as a first guide to examiners. They indicate the characteristics of a top of a level answer. Marks within a level are awarded when an answer does not include all the parts or qualities shown in the descriptor. Answers which are 'border line' should be awarded the lowest mark in the level. Level 5: (25–30 marks) Each part of the essay is covered with very clear description and a secure knowledge (AO1) including a clear understanding of the term moral code as well as different moral codes. This is supported by two chosen statements supported by clear examples that clarify meanings and ideas (AO2). Candidate introduces points that highlight the limitations of each statement (right or wrong) and the contrasting human reactions and personal feelings (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with a range of vocabulary (AO4). Level 4: (19–24 marks) Each part of the essay is covered with clear description and good knowledge (AO1) that includes an understanding of the term moral code and some reference to different moral codes. This is supported by additional information related to the chosen statements and examples that help to clarify ideas (AO2). Candidates use the technique of making comparisons between right and wrong and pose a personal position (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with few errors (AO4).

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	A candidate may include: an individual's rules for behaviour (including their own) coverage of rules based on definitions of both right and wrong reference to and review of various cultural systems and/or religious books such as The Bible or Koran. This is a very open-ended question that invites responses based on personal beliefs and experience either actual or imagined. It is important that the examples have reference to a moral code.		Level 3: (13–18 marks) Each part of the essay is attempted though some description will be stronger than others (AO1). There is some support from additional information or examples that go some way towards clarifying meanings and ideas though one example may be stronger (AO2). The contrast between the two examples is weak and/or sketchy (AO3). The essay is communicated with some clarity though there are limitations in the quality of language and presentation (AO4). Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions are vague and misleading (AO1). Additional information or examples are sparse, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). There is little evidence of the contrasting attitudes towards what is morally right or wrong(AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4). Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplete or display evidence of a restricted understanding of the question and its demands. Recommended Annotation M1, M2 etc for elements of the Moral Code, A1, A2 for actions, +/- for right and wrong. Generic annotation guidance can be found on Page 1.

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3	Candidates are expected to:	30	Levels of Response These descriptors are intended as a first guide to examiners. They indicate the characteristics of a top of a level answer. Marks within a level are awarded when an answer does not include all the parts or qualities shown in the descriptor. Answers which are 'border line' should be awarded the lowest mark in the level. Level 5: (25–30 marks) There is a very good understanding of the nature of personal experience and its impact (AO1). This is supported by additional information or examples that clarify meanings and ideas (AO2). Candidates introduce a range of ideas that highlight their experiences and the strength of these is characterised by consideration of positive and negative outcomes (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with a range of vocabulary (AO4). Level 4: (19–24 marks) There is a good understanding of the nature of personal experience and its impact (AO1) This is supported by some additional information or examples that clarify meanings and ideas, though maybe a little unbalanced (AO2). Candidates introduce some ideas that highlight their experiences and the strength of these are characterised by consideration of positive and negative outcomes (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with few errors.(AO4).

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
			Level 3: (13–18 marks) The essay is attempted in broader terms with one experience being stronger than the other (AO1). There is some support from additional information or examples that go some way towards clarifying meanings and ideas (AO2). There are weaknesses and/or sketchy or possibly assertive and unfounded ideas without consideration of alternatives (AO3). The essay is communicated with some clarity though there are limitations in the quality of language and presentation (AO4).
			Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions are vague and misleading (AO1). Additional information or examples are sparse, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). Few (or no) examples are presented that look at alternative or contrasting scenarios (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4).
			Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplete or display evidence of a restricted understanding of the question and its demands.
			Recommended Annotation PX1, PX2 for knowledge/personal experiences, I for impact, Eg for examples. Generic annotation guidance can be found on Page 1.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	 Indicative content Candidates will be expected to: choose two of the art forms listed discuss the purpose of the Arts using their chosen art forms as exemplars. This can take the form of one continuous discussion or may be separated into two parts. The essay is offering an opportunity for students to outline their views and observations on two works of art, taken from the following list: architecture, fashion, photography, painting, sculpture, stage, screen, music, and the written word. The Arts can: bring pleasure to people exercise and stimulate the imagination allow people the opportunity to express feelings and transmit views and ideas in abstract ways (though some artists are working in 'concrete' forms to convey abstract ideas rather than working in abstract ways). Important purposes of the Arts include: Communication. Art, at its simplest, is a form of communication. As most forms of communication have an intent or goal directed toward another individual, this is a motivated purpose. Illustrative arts, such as scientific illustration, are a form of art as communication. Maps are another example. However, the content need not be scientific. Emotions, moods and feelings are also communicated through art. 	30	Levels of Response These descriptors are intended as a first guide to examiners. They indicate the characteristics of a top of a level answer. Marks within a level are awarded when an answer does not include all the parts or qualities shown in the descriptor. Answers which are 'border line' should be awarded the lowest mark in the level. Level 5: (25–30 marks) There is a very good understanding of the purpose of art (AO1) that includes key words and appropriate definitions: this includes some analysis supported by additional information as to why art is so important. Ideas are positive or negative. There is a clear understanding of two examples (AO2). Candidates highlight the extent that the artwork is successful related to their experience (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently a range of vocabulary (AO4). Level 4: (19–24 marks) There is be a good understanding of the purpose of art (AO1) and this includes reference to some key words and appropriate definitions. This is supported by some additional information and two examples that clarify meanings and ideas, though not quite as balanced (one purpose or example being a little stronger than the other (AO2). Candidates introduce some ideas and examples that highlight their understanding of purpose using case study or their experience (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with few errors. (AO4).

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	emotion or mood, for the purpose of relaxing or entertaining the viewer. This is often the function of the cinema and video games, song lyrics or a play script. **Political change**. One of the defining functions of early twentieth century art has been to use visual images to bring about political change. Art movements that had this goal—Dadaism, Surrealism, Russian Constructivism, and Abstract Expressionism, among others—are collectively referred to as the avant-garde arts. A good area of exploration might be propaganda in wartime. **Psychological and healing purposes**. The Arts are also used by art therapists, psychotherapists and clinical psychologists as art therapy. The Diagnostic Drawing Series, for example, is used to determine the personality and emotional functioning of a patient. Music is used as a therapy for the handicapped. The end product is not the principal goal in this case, but rather a process of healing, through creative acts, is sought. The resultant piece of artwork may also offer insight into the troubles experienced by the subject and may suggest suitable approaches to be used in more conventional forms of psychiatric therapy.		Level 3: (13–18 marks) The essay is attempted in broader terms with some description being stronger than others (AO1). There is some support from additional information or examples that go some way towards clarity though the essay is one sided and dismissive, notably in the context of enrichment (AO2). Support and a balanced examination of ideas is weak and/or sketchy or possibly assertive and unfounded (AO3). The essay is communicated with some clarity though there are limitations in the quality of language and presentation (AO4). Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions will be vague, assertive or misleading (AO1). Additional information and the reference to examples are weak, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). Few (or no) ideas concerning the different purposes of the arts are evident (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4). Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplete or display evidence of a restricted understanding of the question and its demands. Recommended Annotation P1, P2, for purposes, AF1, AF2 for art forms. Generic annotation guidance can be found on Page 1.

Q	uestion		Answer	Marks	Guidance
		6	An indicator of a period or era. Many designers typify the period of their lives by generating designs and patterns that reflect the mood and nature of the population and political climate. This is evident in fashion and the written word.		

Section C: The Social Domain

Question	Answer	Marks			Guida	nce		
5 (a)	SOURCE 3 • many characteristics of a domestic room – crowded • one central light (dull) • a wooden floor with carpet 'runners' • rows of beds: dormitory-style layout • white linen sheets • central tables for eating and recreation • patients remain strictly in their beds • the close proximity of patients results in less privacy. SOURCE 4 • fewer beds – more space • bright, artificial lighting over each area – back lights and central lights • no carpet: wood or laminate flooring • natural lighting • curtaining around beds (privacy) and bed tables • colourful; practical (adjustable, multi-functional beds • patients are allowed more freedom to move around the ward • the use of curtains promotes more privacy and dignity.	9	Question 5a Candidates we characteristic comparing it mark for each development between the then say the receive no mand R for reached and R for reached an	will make a that is provided that is provided to the real sources. Other Sources. Other Sources. Annasons. three materials of Meaning of SPG.	AO2 3 a success resent in ce equivalent ce and up ason. The To simply urce does notate using arks for A	ful contractions of the in the other to 1 addition re MUST whighlight not have ag D1, D2 O4 using and prediction of the contraction of the contra	images a er image. Itional mass be contra a charact an equiva, D3 for did the following the following with	ond One ark for the st eristic and lent will fferences wing very few SPG.

Question	Answer	Marks			Guida	nce		
(b)	Advantages people benefit from being in their own surroundings	6	Assessment	Objectiv	e Balanc	e		
	- this can improve their overall health		Question	A01	AO2	AO3	AO4	Total
	 saves the use of expensive hospital facilities by shifting the emphasis from primary to secondary care 		5b	3	3			6
	 community cases are managed by a local 'team' that can build up a valuable relationship between the patient and family (particularly in the case of terminal illness) patients are controlled and supervised constantly. 		1 mark each up to 2 marks inclusion of e and D for disa examples.	s for their xamples.	developr Annotate	nent, expl using A f	anation of or advant	r the age
	Disadvantages							
	 there is no instant availability of specialist personnel or equipment some people feel that they are being abandoned (hopeless cases) there is an increased burden on visiting medical and caring staff (not only in the breadth of expertise needed but also logistics) there is always the possibility of inappropriate intervention at home. 							

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance					
(c)	James Aged 30: likely not to have serious health issues (unless	15	Assessment	Objectiv	e Balanc	e		
	hereditary or accidental).		Question	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	Total
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	Single, employed: has the ability to pay for healthcare if				•	Ш	•	
	he chooses though some professionals receive this as pa		This is clearly					
	of an employment package.		candidates th					
	Living in the city centre: likely to have access to a full		different, indi- inclusion of p					
	range of Primary Care facilities including Accident and		candidate's o					ni uie
	Emergency. This would mean consultants being based		Carialaate e c	WII IOOdii	on and on	oumotano	00.	
	locally and presenting a further range of choice open to		To qualify for	full mark	s candida	tes need t	o conside	r both
	private patients as well as specialist skills and resources		people's posi					
	available to the NHS.		positive and r			out their ca	are, D for	supporting
	Location: more chance of accidents and epidemics as a		statements, E	g for exa	imples.			
	large concentration of population. Quicker response time		Content : Ma	vimum 1	2 marks			
	and access to Secondary care.		Content . Wie	ixiiiiuiii i	Z IIIai KS			
			11-12 marks					
	Choice: city centre living always offers more individual		A clear and d					oth
	choice (in terms of methods of treatment and choice of doctor).		people, writte	n with co	nfidence a	and accur	acy.	
			8-10 marks					
	Mary		Good knowle	•		ssion of o	ne persor	being
	Aged 82: open to many health problems caused by age.		stronger than	the other	r.			
	Retired: not all retired people are wealthy or had a long		4-7 marks					
	career covered by health insurance (in fact, many retired		Some unders	tanding c	of the care	options o	of both peo	ople, but
	people cancel their insurance due to the increase in		not fully expla	ained or d	leveloped	•		
	premiums caused by age).							
	Living in a rural village: a range of care is available to		1-3 marks	mont of all-		oth resul	۔ مادانیں م	oloor
	rural residents through Community Health channels but a		A limited atte explanations			oun peopl	e, with no	ciear
	journey usually has to be made to a town or city to access		explanations	oi develo	pineni.			
	the specialist services and consultations that may be							

Question	Answer	Marks		Guidance
	needed. Some areas do have visiting consultants but this is periodic and would not help in an emergency. Time is taken by paramedics reaching a person and then		Allocate the scheme:	e three marks for AO4 using the following
	transporting the patient to a Primary Care hospital.		3 marks	Meaning is clear and precise with very few errors of SPG.
	Location: it is said that people live longer in rural areas. It		2 marks	Meaning is clear with some errors of SPG.
	is likely that there is a larger elderly population (people retiring to the country from the city) and therefore health		1 mark	Meaning is partially clear with several errors of SPG.
	services are provided and distributed with this in mind.		0 marks	Meaning is not clear.
	Choice: rural residents have less choice of doctor, though may have a better relationship with their GP as they are more a part of the community.			

Section D: The Social Domain

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people's votes carry the same weight, no matter where they live. Only months ago the electorate of Islington North stood at 66,472, while ten miles away, in East Ham, the figure was 87,809. In effect that means a person voting in East Ham has a vote that is worth much less than a vote in Islington North. some support from additional information or examples go some way towards clarity though the essay may be sided and dismissive of one view (AO2). Support and a balanced examination of ideas is weak and/or sketchy possibly assertive and unfounded (AO3). The essay is	Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
the United Kingdom. Reducing the number of MPs allows us to bring our oversized House of Commons into line with legislatures across the world. The House of Commons is the largest directly elected chamber in the European Union, and it's half as big again as the US House of Representatives. It was never intended that the overall size of the House should keep rising, yet that is precisely the effect of the current legislation – the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. Capping the number of MPs corrects that, and it saves money too. 50 fewer MPs saves £12m a year on pay, pensions and allowances alone.' Strengths in the quality of language and presentation (AO4). Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions are vague and misleading (AO1). Addition information or examples are sparse, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). Few (or no) ideas concerning the strengths and weaknesses in respect of changes to the present system will be evident (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4). Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions are vague and misleading (AO1). Addition information or examples are sparse, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). Few (or no) ideas concerning the strengths and weaknesses in respect of changes to the present system will be evident (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4). Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplete or display evidence of a restricted understanding of the question demands. Recommended Annotation		By equalising the size of constituencies we ensure that people's votes carry the same weight, no matter where they live. Only months ago the electorate of Islington North stood at 66,472, while ten miles away, in East Ham, the figure was 87,809. In effect that means a person voting in East Ham has a vote that is worth much less than a vote in Islington North. That cannot be right. These imbalances are found right across the United Kingdom. Reducing the number of MPs allows us to bring our oversized House of Commons into line with legislatures across the world. The House of Commons is the largest directly elected chamber in the European Union, and it's half as big again as the US House of Representatives. It was never intended that the overall size of the House should keep rising, yet that is precisely the effect of the current legislation – the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. Capping the number of MPs corrects that, and it saves money too. 50 fewer MPs saves £12m a year on pay, pensions and allowances alone.' www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100705-constitutional.aspx Strengths many Welsh, northern English and urban seats in particular are much smaller than southern English and rural seats – the unfairness needs to be addressed at a time of economic difficulty and popular concern at the scale of political perks it makes sense to reduce the cost		The essay is attempted in broader terms with some descriptions being stronger than others (AO1). There is some support from additional information or examples that go some way towards clarity though the essay may be one sided and dismissive of one view (AO2). Support and a balanced examination of ideas is weak and/or sketchy or possibly assertive and unfounded (AO3). The essay is communicated with some clarity though there are limitations in the quality of language and presentation (AO4). Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions are vague and misleading (AO1). Additional information or examples are sparse, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). Few (or no) ideas concerning the strengths and weaknesses in respect of changes to the present system will be evident (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4). Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplete or display evidence of a restricted understanding of the question and its demands. Recommended Annotation S1, S2, for strengths; W1, W2 for weaknesses. Generic

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	 by equalising the size of constituencies we ensure that people's votes carry the same weight, no matter where they live reducing the number of MPs allows us to bring our oversized House of Commons into line with legislatures across the world. 		
	Weaknesses		
	it is a clear attack on the democratic process by having fewer people to voice opinions		
	 cuts are regarded as savings but in this case fewer MPs would have to work harder to get the job done resulting in a longer time taken 		
	the reorganisation will break current MP/constituent links and in the short term, at least, leads to increased costs and some confusion		
	there are differences between rural and urban needs that arbitrary reshaping may overlook.		
	Candidates may offer other alternative views. Examiners are asked to use professional judgment when awarding credit.		

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7	 Candidates are expected to: show some understanding of the current system of local government and the personnel involved outline two possible approaches: electing a Councillor or a Local Committee consideration of the relative advantages and disadvantages of a change. Councillors have the advantages of: a political allegiance (therefore supporting a nationally agreed policy or maintaining the aims of their party) 	30	Levels of Response These descriptors are intended as a first guide to examiners. They indicate the characteristics of a top level answer. Marks within the level are awarded when an answer does not include all the parts or qualities shown in the descriptor. Answers which are 'border-line' should be awarded the lowest mark in the level. Level 5: (25–30 marks) There is a very good understanding of the two methods of local government (AO1) that includes appropriate definitions and examples to support the ideas: this includes a clear view of the separate functions and possible organisation. Ideas can be positive or negative. There is clear coverage of
	 a known track record and expertise (as Councillors often give a lifetime of service and are known in the community for their good works) pride in and love for their community (as they support local groups and minority interests and try to 'champion' the cause of individuals). 		advantages and disadvantages (AO2). Candidates highlight the extent that each approach is desirable and feasible and highlight dilemmas faced by using a case study or personal experience (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with a range of vocabulary (AO4).
	 but the disadvantages of: being a single 'voice' and, as a consequence, being spread thinly open to a political influence from Central Government that may not reflect the needs and aspirations of the locality attempting to have the knowledge of all things for all people when their expertise may be specialised in one area. A Committee would have the advantages of: a greater number of people to handle issues and spread responsibility the possibility of representing different cultures, both sexes, and a wide age profile 		Level 4: (19–24 marks) There is good understanding of the two methods of local government (AO1); this includes clear definitions to terms. This is supported by some additional information or examples that clarify meanings and ideas, though maybe not quite as balanced. The difference, advantages and disadvantages are drawn with supporting explanations. (AO2). Candidates introduce some ideas and examples that highlight their agreement or disagreement with each approach using case study or their experience and how this affects society and individuals (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with few errors (AO4).

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	 possessing breadth of experience and expertise being democratic, local forum that could be apolitical but the disadvantages of: having too many representatives trying to present views leading to ineffective decision making and planning a lack of focus and a common aim encountering difficulties in forging a working relationship with the electorate there being clashes in individual beliefs and values that would affect the democratic process there being a greater possibility of corruption. 		Level 3: (13–18 marks) The essay is attempted in broader terms with some description being stronger than others (AO1). There is some support from additional information or examples that go some way towards clarity though the essay may be one sided and dismissive, notably if a clear preference is highlighted (AO2). Support and a balanced examination of ideas is weak and/or sketchy or possibly assertive and unfounded (AO3). The essay is communicated with some clarity though there are limitations in the quality of language and presentation (AO4). Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled and the descriptions are vague and misleading (AO1). Additional information or examples are sparse, ambiguous or incomplete (AO2). Few (or no) ideas are presented concerning the contrast between the working practices of each approach (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the understanding of the essay (AO4). Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplete or display evidence of a restricted understanding of the question and its demands. Recommended Annotation CL for councillor, CM for committee, A1,A2 for advantages and D1, D2 for disadvantages. Generic annotation guidance can be found on Page 1.

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8	Candidates are expected to: display some experience and/or knowledge of issues surrounding commuting consider the issues facing individuals and businesses identifying problems that are faced and their solutions.	30	Levels of Response These descriptors are intended as a first guide to examiners. They indicate the characteristics of a top level answer. Marks within the level are awarded when an answer does not include all the parts or qualities shown in the descriptor. Answers which are 'border-line' should be awarded the lowest mark in the level.
	It is possible that candidates may have experience of commuting (to and from school/college or a workplace). Some commute long distances across a city or from scattered rural communities. Good essays are likely to offer supporting case studies and examples that identify problems and offer practical and workable solutions; whilst these are welcome, they should be used for illustration and not as the mainstay of the essay. Problems and ways of tackling them: 1 Punctuality: Arrive at work earlier or later when commuting is less difficult. For example if the commute is better by coming in at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. maybe offer an option of working 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This will help staff be happier because they are not spending so much time in traffic, though in some cases the journey is always a long one in terms of time and distance. Changes in starting and finishing times will also make the employer happier and remove the stress of dealing with an employee who is always late. 2 Getting all the work completed: encourage telecommuting every so often. If workers have lots of tasks that can be done from home then it may be possible to allocate a day each week or every other week when they can work from home. This will help employees be happier because they are doing work but		Level 5: (25–30 marks) There is a very good understanding of the problems of commuting (AO1) that includes appropriate definitions and examples to support the ideas: this includes some background information based on personal knowledge. There is a clear coverage of a range of views showing an understanding of advantages and shortcomings (AO2). Candidates highlight the extent to which each system is desirable and question its validity using case study or their experience (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with a range of vocabulary (AO4). Level 4: (19–24 marks) There is a good understanding of the problems of commuting (AO1) that includes some general background information the efficiency of each system. This is supported by some additional information or examples that clarify meanings and ideas, though not quite as balanced or detailed. The practicality is covered to some extent. (AO2). Candidates introduce some ideas and examples that highlight their interpretation of solutions using case study or their experience. (AO3). The essay is communicated clearly and fluently with few errors (AO4).

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	subconsciously having a 'day off'. However, difficulties could be minimised by shortening the working day.	Level 3: (13–18 marks) The essay is attempted in broader terms wit description being stronger than others (AO1	
	3 Living a long distance from work: by finding out which staff members commute the farthest, try to see if their job can be performed mostly by remote computer. If a business is computer-based there are probably options for people to not come into the office unless attending a meeting. Relocation packages are a good way of solving this problem.	support from additional information or exam way towards clarity though the essay may be dismissive of parts of the solutions (AO2). Subalanced examination of ideas is weak and/possibly assertive and unfounded (AO3). The communicated with some clarity though the in the quality of language and presentation (AO3).	ples that go some be one sided and Support and a for sketchy or ne essay is re are limitations
	4 Congestion on the roads: set up a car-share system. If people car-share they could be offered incentives that will help other people want to car-share as well. This will give people the opportunity to be able to sit in the passenger seat instead of always being the one in the driver's seat. However, delays can often be long and unpredictable.	Level 2: (7–12 marks) Only part of the essay is seriously tackled a descriptions are vague and misleading (AO information or examples are sparse, ambiguincomplete (AO2). There are few (or no) ide the limitations of the problems and solutions (AO3). Errors in communication restrict the the essay (AO4).	1). Additional uous or eas concerning of each category
	5 Efficiency and productivity: some workers are extremely tired well before the end of the working day due to the travelling to and from their place of work. The journey is not only tiring but also energy-sapping. The implementation of European working hours, with an extended lunch break where workers can rest more fully	Level 1: (0–6 marks) Essays at this level are invariably incomplet evidence of a restricted understanding of the demands.	
	and recharge for the remainder of the working day, may help to ease this problem.	Recommended Annotation: I for individuals, B for businesses, P for problems difficulties, Sol for solutions. General guidance can be found on Page 1.	eric annotation

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