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GCSE (9–1) Citizenship Studies

J270/02 Citizenship in action

Resource Booklet

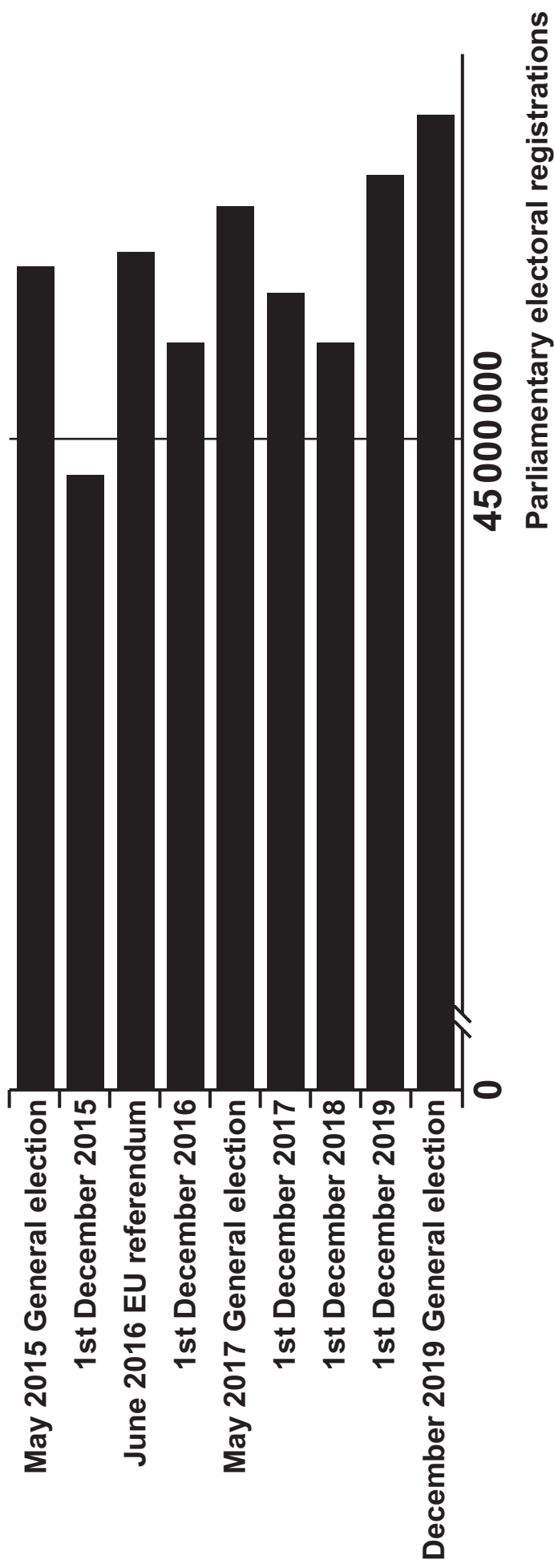
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FIG. 5.1

Voting in parliamentary elections

The number of UK citizens registered to vote in parliamentary elections 2015–2019



Extract from Electoral Statistics, UK: 2019. Office for National Statistics (2020)

People who turned out to vote as a percentage of registered voters 1945–2019

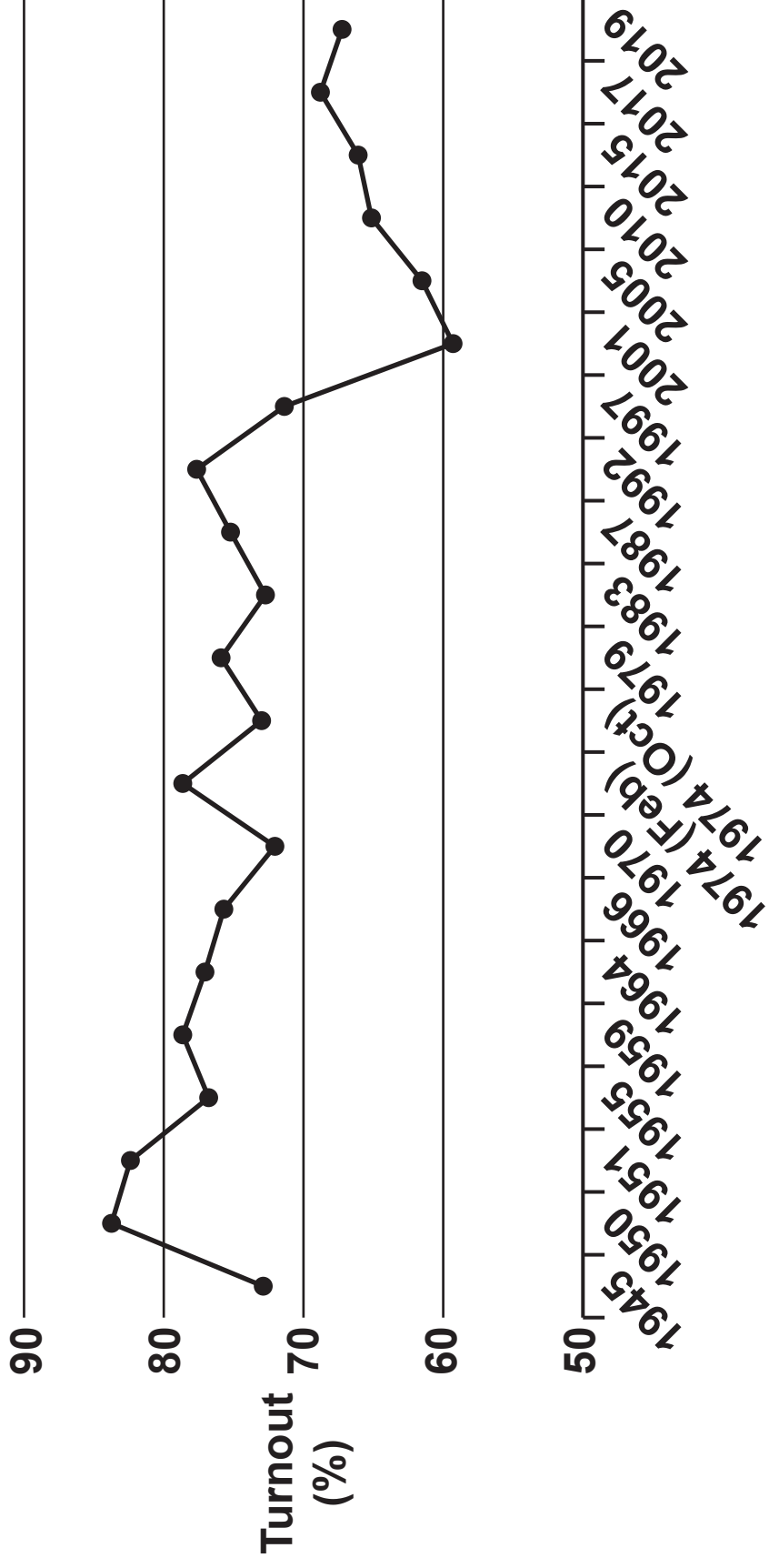


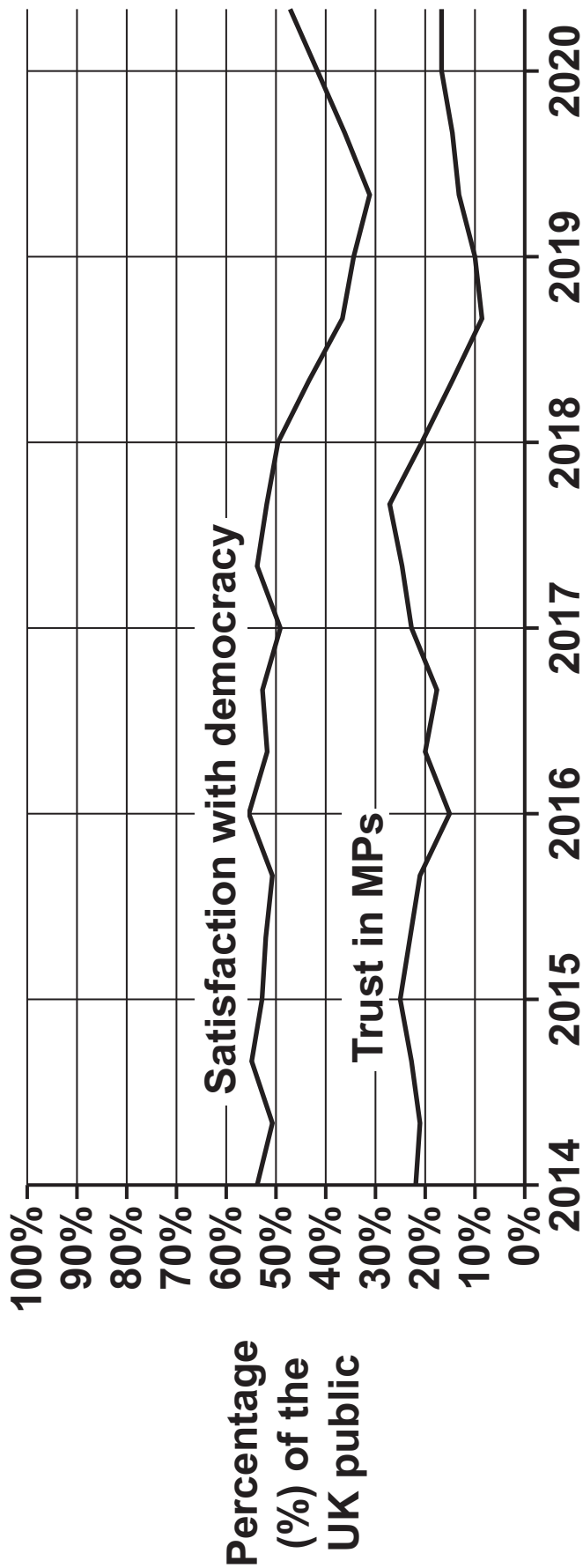
FIG. 5.2

Voting and satisfaction with democracy

People who voted in the 2019 UK general election by age and occupation

Age	People who voted (estimated percentage of registered voters in each age group)	Occupation	People who voted (estimated percentage of registered voters in each occupational group)
18–24	47%	Senior professional people and managers such as doctors and headteachers	68%
25–34	55%	Junior managers and administrators such as teachers, nurses, and junior managers	64%
35–44	54%	Skilled craftspeople such as electricians and chefs	58%
45–54	63%	Unskilled workers such as waiters, bar staff, shop workers and cleaners.	53%
55–64	66%		
65+	74%		

**Satisfaction with democracy and trust in Members of Parliament (MPs)
among the UK public 2014–2020**



**Extract from Trust Issues: Dealing with distrust in British politics.
Institute for Public Policy Research 2021**

SOURCE 8

Campaign by Lissie Harper, widow of murdered police officer

The family of PC Andrew Harper start a petition on Change.org

PC Harper was killed in 2019 while trying to stop three men who were stealing a quad bike. The three men were caught and appeared in court. They were cleared of murder but found guilty of manslaughter instead. Manslaughter is a less serious charge than murder and is used where the defendants did not intend to kill their victim.

The men were given prison sentences ranging from thirteen to nineteen years.

PC Harper's family launched an online petition on Change.org. Almost half a million people signed the petition to:

Change the sentence from manslaughter to murder and serve proper justice

PC Harper's widow, Lissie, began a campaign to change the law. She wanted judges to always imprison criminals for life if they unlawfully killed an emergency services worker while that worker was on duty.

**Lissie Harper –
Andrew Harper’s
widow – with Prime
Minister, Boris
Johnson**



“I would like to thank my incredible Harper’s Law team as well as the public for their unfailing support for such an important campaign. Those who believed that the right thing is worth doing despite the hurdles and challenges that we needed to overcome.” – Lissie Harper

Media Release from the Ministry of Justice – November 2021

Government to introduce ‘Harper’s Law’

Emergency workers will receive greater protection from violent criminals after the Government confirmed ‘Harper’s Law’ would be added to the statute book.

- **Mandatory life sentences for those who kill an emergency worker in the course of their duty**
- **Change to the law to be made as soon as possible**

Today’s move follows an unwavering campaign by Andrew’s family, including his widow Lissie, and the Police Federation*, and comes after a number of meetings with the Justice Secretary and Home Secretary.

***The Police Federation represents police officers.**

SOURCE 9

A green space for your school or college

Green spaces and their importance

A well-designed green space in your school or college can be a haven for wildlife and a peaceful place for people too. A small wild-flower meadow will attract bees and butterflies while a pond will be a focal point for birds and frogs. Evidence shows that green spaces contribute to people's well-being and mental health.



A small garden area will attract butterflies, bees, and other insects. Birds will follow.

Your plans

You and your friends decide to:
research what may work in your school or college
write an action plan
encourage others to contribute their ideas and to help
make sure that your green space will be maintained and
developed in the future.

Staying safe

Whatever you do, it's important for you and your friends to stay safe when carrying out your citizenship action.

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