

GCSE CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

Paper 1

Specimen Question Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 mins

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a pen.

Instructions


- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions on the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.


Information


- The marks for questions are shown in brackets
- The total number of marks available for this paper is 80.

Advice

For the multiple-choice questions, completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

CORRECT METHOD  WRONG METHODS    

If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown. 

If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown. 

Please write clearly, in block capitals, to allow character computer recognition.

Centre number Candidate number

Surname

Forename(s)

Candidate signature _____

Section A**Active citizenship**Answer **all** questions in this section.**0 1****Source A****Case study – The RSPCA and badger culling**

This section is based on the pre-released case study that you have researched. Please answer the questions that follow.

0 1**1**

What was the aim of the RSPCA campaign regarding the badger cull?

[1 mark]

0 1**2**Identify **one** group or organisation that opposed the RSPCA campaign about the badger cull.**[1 mark]**

0 1**3**Identify **two** reasons why campaigns run by the RSPCA such as the one about the badger cull are successful.**[2 marks]**

Reason 1:

Reason 2:

0 1 . **4**

Identify **one** argument put forward for the badger cull and **one** against the badger cull.

[2 marks]

For:

Against:

0 1 . **5**

Examine why some people and groups criticise the RSPCA and the way it carried out its campaign regarding the badger cull.

[4 marks]

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0 2

Your Investigation

State your investigation's hypothesis/question below.

0 2 . **1**

Describe how either one primary **or** one secondary source assisted in regard to your investigation.

[2 marks]

0 2 . **2**

Identify and explain which part of the whole investigation process you consider was the most successful.

[4 marks]

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Section B**Politics and participation**Answer **all** questions

0 3**Source B****Democracy in the UK**

In the United Kingdom (UK) we are told that we live in a democracy. While there have at times been referendums in the UK, our system of government is best described as a representative democracy in which elected representatives in Parliament make laws on behalf of fellow citizens. However, because the UK has an unwritten constitution there is little that citizens can do to stop Parliament from making bad laws. This leads some people to suggest that in the UK we now need a written constitution.

0 3 . **1** What is a referendum?Shade in the **one** correct answer.**[1 mark]**

- A** When citizens are asked to vote on an issue
- B** When citizens can propose new laws
- C** When citizens can remove an MP whom they no longer
- D** When citizens 'write in' candidates' names on a ballot paper

0 3 . **2** Name the **two** Houses that make up the Westminster Parliament.**[2 marks]**

1. _____

2. _____

0 3 . **3** Suggest and explain **two** reasons why the UK should have a written constitution. **[4 marks]**

Reason 1:

Reason 2:

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Source C**Influencing Local Government**

A planning decision about building a new supermarket will shortly be discussed by the local District Council. Concern has been expressed by local citizens living nearby about the impact of the development upon the local community. Citizens complain that there will be noise from building work and extra traffic if the new supermarket is built.

The issue is likely to become very political as council elections will be held in the near future.

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- 1 What is the title usually given to someone elected at a local government election in England?

[1 mark]

Shade in the one correct answer.

A Councillor

B MP

C MSP

D Secretary of State

0 4

- 2 Identify **two** services provided by local government in England.

[2 marks]

Service 1:

Service 2:

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- 0 4** . **3** Some of the citizens affected by the proposed supermarket development described in **Source C** decide to stand as candidates in the forthcoming council elections.

Consider **two** methods they might use to promote their cause in the election campaign.

[4 marks]

Method 1:

Method 2:

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Source D

The Prime Minister

The Prime Minister is head of the UK Government. He / she:

- oversees the operation of the civil service
- is chairman of the Cabinet
- takes responsibility for overall policy decisions
- appoints government whips to control the party's MPs
- appoints ministers to head government departments.

0 5

1 The UK Prime Minister is also one of the following:

Shade **one** correct response.

- A a constituency MP
- B Black Rod
- C the Head of State
- D the Speaker of the House of Commons

[1 mark]

0 5

2 'Some people say that the Prime Minister has too much power'.

Outline and comment upon the case made in support of this view.

[6 marks]

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0 6**Source E****A Day in the Life of a Citizen of North Korea**

Many North Koreans start the working day with a 30 minute session reading daily editorials in party newspapers. For children, school usually starts with marching on the spot and saluting the image of the country's leader.

Hairdressers are run by local committees. With women, untied hair is frowned upon. Long hair on men can lead to a forced haircut.

Only a few people have cars. However, owners of dirty cars can be fined. All vehicles leaving the capital city require a travel certificate. Smoking while driving is banned.

Citizens must report purchases of radios and TVs. Sets must only be tuned to state programmes. Foreign books, magazines and newspapers are forbidden.

0 6**1**

Identify from **Source E**, one way in which life for citizens in North Korea differs from that of citizens in the United Kingdom.

[1 mark]**0 6****2**

Outline and discuss **two** ways that citizens in the UK can participate in politics that those in a non-democratic country cannot.

[6 marks]

1.

2.

0 7

Source F

Elections should be held on special ‘Democracy Day’, say MPs

Turnout at UK general elections have fallen from 79% in 1974 to 66% in 2015.

MPs have warned that this is a ‘crisis of voter apathy’ which will harm our democracy if we do not take urgent action.

Various radical ideas to help boost turnout have been suggested including having a ‘Democracy Day’ public holiday every five years on the day of the General Election.

Almost 85% of people turned out for the referendum on Scottish independence, which shows that the people will turn out if they believe they can make a difference.

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‘It is important for citizens to vote in a democracy.’

Assess arguments in favour of this statement.

[4 marks]

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