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Citizenship Studies

Unit 3: Citizenship in Context

**Option C: Influencing and Changing Decisions
in Society and Government**

Thursday 14 May 2015 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

5CS03/3C

You must have:

Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Study the sources in the Sources Booklet.

Answer ALL questions.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 According to Source A, which welfare state benefit has been reformed?

- A** Child tax credits
- B** Housing benefit
- C** Disability Living Allowance
- D** Child benefit

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to Source B, which of the following is an advantage of being in the European Union?

- A** The European Union helps the UK economy
- B** 56% of people would like the UK to leave the European Union
- C** The UK will be better off not being in the European Union
- D** Membership of the European Union has long been a controversial issue

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 Source B refers to a referendum. A referendum can be defined as:

- A** a vote to elect Members of Parliament
- B** the area a Member of Parliament represents
- C** a law that Members of Parliament have voted for
- D** a vote by the people on a particular issue

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4 Source C refers to the Labour Party, which is a political party. Which of the following is also a political party?

- A** The Independent
- B** BBC
- C** UKIP
- D** Citizens Advice Bureau

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)



5 Which of the following statements from Source D is an opinion?

- A A ban on prisoners smoking has been proposed in the UK
- B Smoking is already banned in young offender institutions
- C Smoking in prison is a problem for the health of the prisoners who smoke
- D A ban could lead to riots and would be difficult to enforce

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 Source D identifies prisons as a form of punishment in the UK. Which alternative form of punishment is **not** used in the UK?

- A Community service
- B Electronic tagging
- C Capital punishment
- D Criminal Behaviour Order

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 Source E refers to the organisation Greenpeace. Greenpeace is an example of a:

- A shipping business
- B political party
- C pressure group
- D trading area

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)



8 (a) Using Source A, give **one** reason why the government made changes to housing benefit.

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(b) Using the source and your own knowledge, give **two** ethical reasons why the government's changes to housing benefit have been criticised.

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(Total for Question 8 = 3 marks)

9 Using Source B and your own knowledge, identify **two** advantages of holding a referendum.

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(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



10 Source B refers to the European Union, which is part of the global economy.

Identify **three** ways in which the UK economy is affected by the global economy, including the European Union.

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(Total for Question 10 = 3 marks)



12 Source D refers to prison as a punishment for crime.

(a) Give **two** advantages of using prison as a punishment.

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(b) Give **two** disadvantages of using prison as a punishment.

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(Total for Question 12 = 4 marks)

13 Using Source E and your own knowledge, give **two** reasons why in some countries people are not allowed to protest.

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)



14 Using evidence from Source E and your own knowledge, do you agree that joining a pressure group is a more effective way of bringing about change than voting in elections?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered **another point of view**.

(8)

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(Total for Question 15 = 15 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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Source A: Reform to the benefits system

From April 2013, people who claim housing benefit but have a spare bedroom in their house face a cut in their housing benefit. This has been nicknamed the 'bedroom tax'.

Government ministers say this cut will knock £500 million off the housing benefit bill. However, some people argue this will unfairly affect people on low incomes and minority groups such as the disabled. This has led to claims that the 'bedroom tax' is a form of discrimination.



(Sources: www.dailymail.co.uk 7/9/13. Photo: Getty Images)

Source B: The UK and the European Union



In 2013, Prime Minister David Cameron promised a referendum on UK membership of the European Union in 2017.

Opinion polls have shown that 56% of people would like the UK to leave the European Union. Only 30% of people wanted the UK to stay in the European Union.

Membership of the European Union has long been a controversial issue in the United Kingdom. Some people believe that the UK would be better off not being in the European Union. Others believe that the European Union helps the UK economy.

If the UK votes to leave, it will be the first member state to ever leave the European Union.

Source C: Labour Party plans to help the unemployed



The Labour Party believes the unemployed should take a "basic skills test" for English and Maths. A spokeswoman said that this would help the long-term unemployed as they could then be offered extra training to help them get a job. She said "If you don't have these basic skills, you are going to struggle to get a job. If people have been out of work for six months, employers are not interested in them."

People who refuse to take the test would have their benefits stopped.

It is hoped that this will also prevent young people who leave school with few qualifications from going straight onto benefits. The Labour Party is also hoping to reduce government spending on unemployment, which cost almost £5 billion in 2012.

(Sources: Adapted from *The Independent*, Feb 2014 Photo: © Guardian News & Media Ltd)

Source D: Smoking in prisons: whose rights?

A ban on prisoners smoking has been proposed in the UK. Smoking is already banned in young offender institutions.

People are sent to prison as a punishment for their crime. It has been argued that they should not face the additional punishment of a ban on smoking or a loss of their human rights.

Smoking in prison is a problem for the health of the prisoners who smoke, as well as the staff and non-smoking prisoners who are exposed to second-hand smoke.

Some newspapers in the UK have warned that a ban could lead to riots and would be difficult to enforce.



(Sources: Photo Getty Images)

Source E: Pressure group activity



In September 2013, armed Russian guards stormed a Greenpeace ship and arrested the crew. Greenpeace was protesting against oil drilling in Russia's Arctic waters.

The protesters wanted to raise awareness of Russia's oil drilling activities in the Arctic.

Greenpeace claims that the Russian government interrupted their peaceful protest.

The Russian government said that the campaigners had been aggressive and threatening to the workers on an oil rig. All 30 members of Greenpeace were arrested and charged with piracy.

This led to international campaigns to free the "Arctic 30" as the protesters became known.

A United Nations committee ruled that Russia should release the Greenpeace campaigners and allow them to leave the country. The last of the campaigners was allowed to leave Russia at the end of December.

(Sources: Photo: http://www.channel4.com/media/images/Channel4/c4-news/2013/Dec/18/18_greenpeacearcticprotest_g_w.jpg)

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