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- 1 All questions should be attempted.
- 2 Write your answers in the spaces provided in this book.
- 3 Answer in sentences wherever possible.
- 4 Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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**THE ENVIRONMENT**

- 1. Look at the source below. It gives information about water supply in north-west Scotland.

North-west Scotland gets a lot of rain, but can suffer water supply problems. After heavy rainfall in winter, the water can become discoloured. Low temperatures can cause pipes to freeze. In summer, the demand for water increases greatly because of the large number of tourists. In spite of the money and jobs that visitors bring to the area, some locals want the tourist numbers to be controlled. Streams can dry up so no-one can use washing machines and dishwashers or even have a bath. Local planning guidelines make it difficult to obtain permission to build dams and pipelines where they are needed.

- (a) From the source, describe three **environmental** causes of water supply problems in north-west Scotland.

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- (b) From your own knowledge, give two actions that can be taken to **conserve** water.

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2. Look at the source below. It gives information about a proposed development in Crieff, Perthshire.

Crieff is a growing town in Perthshire which needs a new supermarket and new recreational facilities. Developers identified four possible sites for the new supermarket. Perth and Kinross Council then surveyed the public to get their opinion. They telephoned over 400 householders in Crieff to gather information on where they shopped. Shoppers in the town centre were asked what goods they would like to see on the shelves. A public exhibition was held in the library showing the advantages and disadvantages of each site. In addition, a questionnaire was sent to all the businesses in the town. High school pupils were asked about the recreational facilities. Tourists were asked which services they had used. A final decision will be made by the council.

- (a) From the source, give three examples of the ways in which the council involved local people in **deciding** where to build the supermarket.

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- (b) A Public Enquiry can be set up if the site for the new supermarket cannot be agreed on. From your own knowledge, describe what happens at a Public Enquiry.

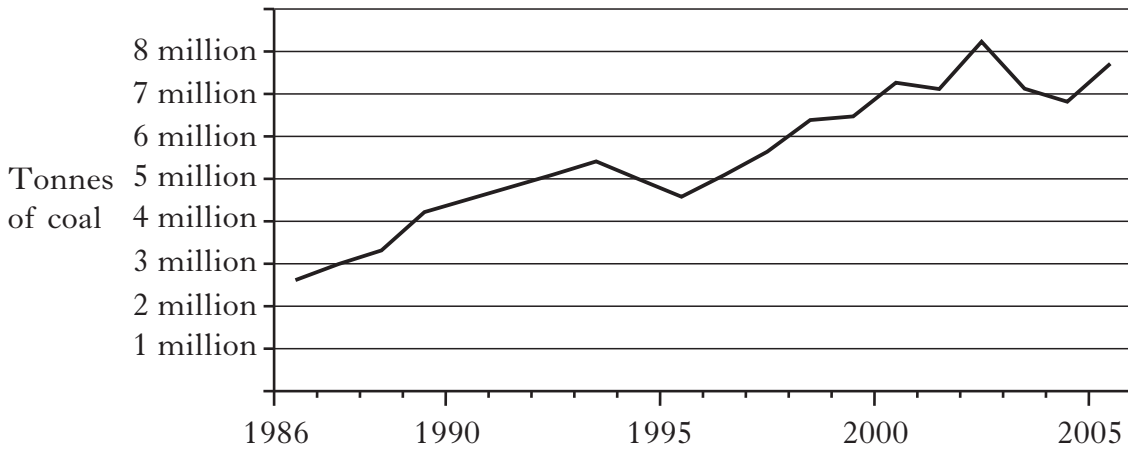
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3. Look at the sources below. They describe changes in opencast mining in Scotland.

**Source A** Opencast coal production in Scotland, 1986–2005



- (a) From Source A, describe in detail the **changes** that have taken place in opencast coal production in Scotland between 1986 and 2005.

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Source B

Up until 2005, anyone who lived next to a proposed opencast coal site had little chance of stopping it. There is hope for them now, since the introduction of a law which is meant to stop proposals which are damaging to the environment and which provide no local benefits. Local householders might be able to relax in the knowledge that the value of their homes will not drop; that they will not have to suffer years of noise and dust; and that they will not have to live with the danger of heavy lorries.

(b) “. . . damaging to the environment and which provide no local benefits.” (Source B)

From your own knowledge, give **two** things that a mining company can do to limit damage to the environment and to provide local benefits.

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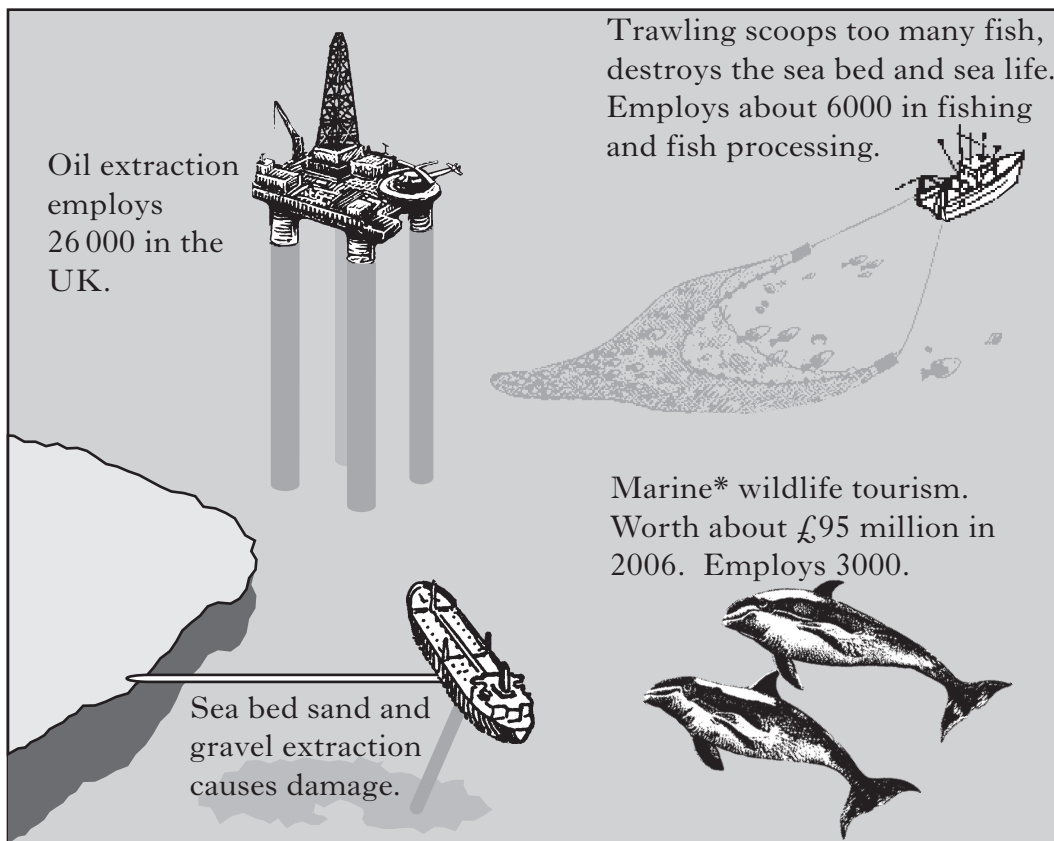
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4. Look at the sources below. They give information about the need for conservation in the North Sea.

**Source A** Uses of the North Sea



\*Marine = to do with the sea

**Source B** A North Sea Nature Reserve?

The North Sea has a rich sea bed, with many different creatures and plants. This might change if we continue to use the North Sea in a thoughtless way. Urgent action is needed, say environmentalists — some damaged areas may take years to recover. They want much of the North Sea made into a nature reserve. Fishermen and others who make a living from the North Sea are worried, but environmentalists say that fish stocks would increase.

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**4. (continued)**

(a) Using the sources, give reasons **for** and **against** turning much of the North Sea into a nature reserve.

Reasons **for** a nature reserve

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Reasons **against** a nature reserve

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(b) Scotland has many areas of great natural beauty, such as Loch Lomond and the Cairngorms.

From your own knowledge, give **two** ways in which environmentally important areas like these can be protected.

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## INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

5. Look at the sources below. They give information about what pupils can go on to do after Standard Grade.

### Source A



Bob

I am doing a Modern Apprenticeship as a plumber. I go to college one day a week and get a proper wage from my employer. At the end of my course I will have a good qualification and a job that I like doing.



Kylie

I have a place on a Skillseekers scheme. It wasn't my first choice, but I didn't have any qualifications. At least I get paid something. I don't know if I'll have a job at the end, but I'm getting training.



Colin

I'm still at school and I'm getting an Educational Maintenance Allowance. This means I can stay on and study for the five Highers I need for my University course. I'm still a pupil, though, and have to follow school rules.



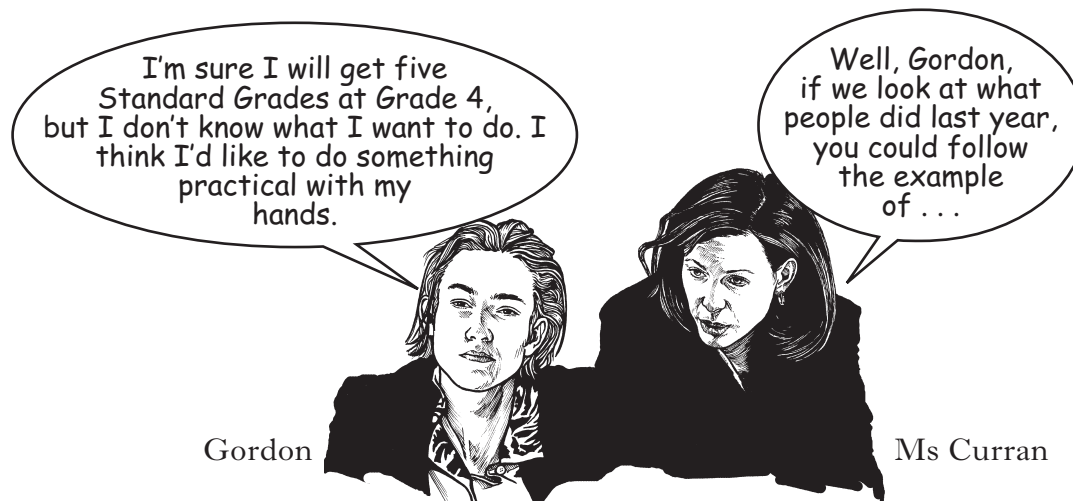
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Source B

A fourth-year pupil is talking to his Guidance teacher just after completing his Standard Grades.



(a) From the people in Source A, choose which person you think Ms Curran should use as an example for Gordon.

Give **two** reasons for your choice.

Person \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) From your own knowledge, give **two** reasons why people try to improve their skills and qualifications through training.

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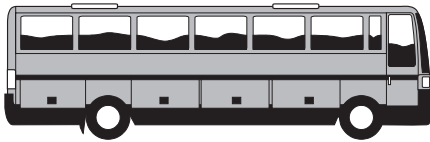
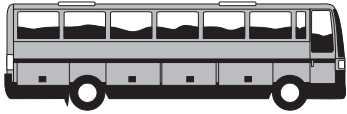

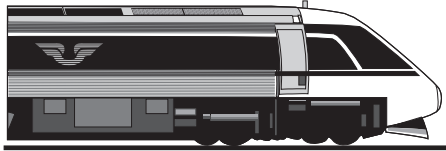
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6. Look at the sources below. They give information about the use of public transport in Scotland and England.

**Source A** Average number of journeys made by a person in a year.

Bus	Scotland		90
	England		72
Train	Scotland		9
	England		20

**Source B** Car ownership

75% of UK households have at least one car.

65% of Scottish households have at least one car.

**Source C**

Commuting to work is a part of life for many people, particularly in the south-east of England, where there are many more railway stations. There, the number of commuters into London is greater than the whole population of Scotland.

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(a) (i) From the sources, give two **differences** in the use of public transport between Scotland and England.

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(ii) Using the sources, give a reason for **one** of these differences.

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(b) Government can attract new industry to Scotland by improving transport links.

From your own knowledge, describe two **other** ways in which government can try to attract new industry to Scotland.

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7. Look at the sources below. They give information about tourism in Scotland.

**Source A** What tourists say they are looking for

- Easy access to airports
- Cheap flights, without having to change planes
- Activity holidays, offering new and exciting experiences
- Experience of distinctive local cultures
- Good service and food in hotels and restaurants
- Dry, sunny weather
- Value for money

**Source B** Tourism in Scotland

Scotland's tourist industry is booming, providing work for 10% of the workforce. However, it is difficult for Scotland to compete with new holiday destinations such as Eastern Europe, where costs are much lower. Many budget airlines now fly into Glasgow, Prestwick and Edinburgh direct from Europe. There is also a new car ferry link between Europe and Fife.

There is nothing we can do about the miserable Scottish weather, or our midges. Fortunately, the mountain bikers, surfers, climbers, canoeists, anglers and golfers who see Scotland as one of the best places for their sport, are looking for thrills rather than sunshine. Some tourists complain about poor service in our restaurants. However, others like the thriving local music scene and the free access to our museums.

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(a)



Using the sources, do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Agree

Disagree

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Give **three** reasons to support your choice.

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**7. (continued)**

(b) Tourism is a growth industry.

Choose an example of a **declining** industry you have studied.

From your own knowledge, give **two** reasons to explain the decline in that industry.

Example of a declining industry \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for decline

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**SCOTTISH SOCIETY**

8. Look at the sources below. They give information about lifestyles in Scotland.

**Source A** Lifestyle statistics

	Highlands & Islands	Scotland
School leavers with no qualifications	2.6%	5.3%
School leavers going on to full-time further education	16.0%	20.0%
Unemployment rate	2.8%	3.2%
Teenage pregnancies	3.2%	4.3%
Young people with alcohol problems	2.0%	1.0%
Single-parent households	16.0%	18.0%

**Source B** House ownership

In many parts of the Highlands and Islands, incomers are buying houses for when they retire, or as holiday cottages. They are able to pay more than local young people, which has led to a severe shortage of housing. Local authorities are worried and are looking at ways of providing houses that local young people can afford.



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8. (continued)

(a) From the sources, give three examples which show that life for young people in the Highlands and Islands is **more difficult** than in the rest of Scotland.

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(b) From your own knowledge, give **two** reasons why elderly people might prefer to live in a city rather than in the countryside.

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9. Look at the source below. It gives information about sport in Scotland.

The International Olympic Committee wants new sports at the Olympic Games. Events such as beach volleyball and BMX cycling have been introduced. Members of the Olympic Committee recently attended Highland Games meetings in Scotland.



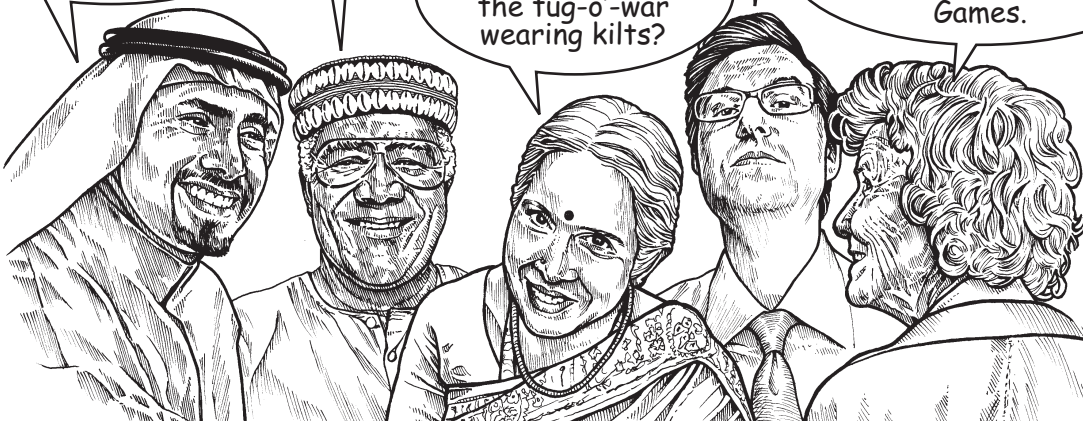
I don't think Highland dancing and bagpipe competitions have anything to do with sport.

Have you ever seen wooden-handled hammer throwing before?

Tossing the caber looks very exciting!

How can these athletes compete in the tug-o-war wearing kilts?

If only we could have attractive scenery like this for our Games.



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**9. (continued)**

(a) From the source, give three **athletics** events which are traditionally Scottish.

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(b) The law in Scotland is also different from other parts of the UK.

From your own knowledge, describe **two** examples of how the law in Scotland is different from that of England.

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10. Look at the source below.

It gives information about the differences between Scottish Members of Parliament in London (MPs) and Members of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (MSPs).

	Scottish MPs in London	MSPs in Edinburgh
Numbers	59	129
Largest constituency (by number of voters)	Falkirk – 77 000 voters	Eastwood – 68 000 voters
Smallest constituency (by number of voters)	Western Isles – 22 000 voters	Orkney – 16 000 voters
Numbers of MPs and MSPs in each party	Conservative – 1 Labour – 41 Liberal Democrat – 11 Scottish National – 6	Conservative – 18 Labour – 50 Liberal Democrat – 17 Scottish National – 26 Green – 7 Independents – 5 Scottish Socialist – 6
Method of election	Simple majority of voters	Proportional representation

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(a)



I think that MSPs  
can make a better job of  
representing voters  
than MPs.

From the source, give three reasons to support this person's point of view.

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(b) Scottish voters are also represented by councillors on Local Authorities.

From your own knowledge, give **two** services provided by Local Authorities.

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