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MONDAY, 25 MAY  
10.20 AM–11.50 AM

MODERN STUDIES  
STANDARD GRADE  
General Level

- 1 Read every question carefully.
- 2 Answer all questions as fully as you can.
- 3 If you cannot do a question, go on to the next one. Try again later.
- 4 In question 3, answer **one** section only: Section (A) The USA **or** Section (B) China.
- 5 Write your answers in the answer book provided. Indicate clearly, in the left hand margin, the question and section of question being answered. Do not write in the right hand margin.




## SYLLABUS AREA 1—LIVING IN A DEMOCRACY

### QUESTION 1

- (a) *Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) can represent their constituents in many ways.*

#### Extract from an MSP's diary



**MAY 2009**

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Monday 18

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2.00 pm : Meet constituents at Holyrood

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Tuesday 19

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10.30 pm : Interview with journalist

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Wednesday 20

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11.00 am : Health Committee Meeting in Room 2

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Thursday 21

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12 noon : First Minister's Questions

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Friday 22

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10.00 am - 4.00 pm : Constituency Office

Describe **two** ways in which MSPs **represent** their constituents.

To answer this question, you may wish to use the information above.

(Knowledge & Understanding, 4 marks)

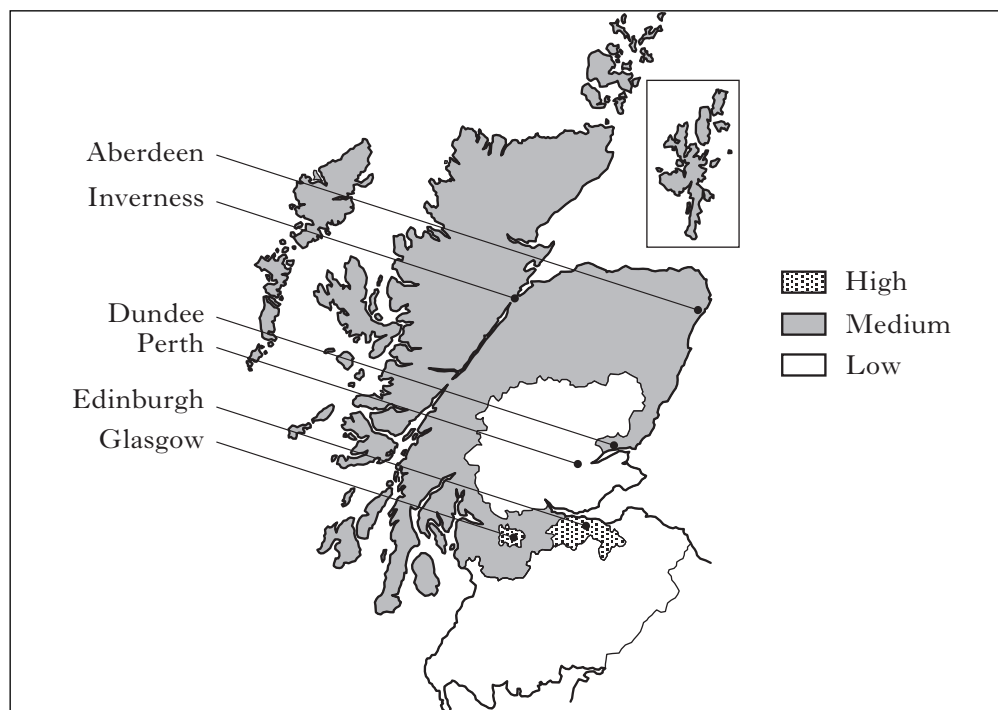
## QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)

(b) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

### Election Information, 2007 Scottish Parliament

#### SOURCE 1

#### Percentage of Spoilt Ballot Papers in the Scottish Parliament Election in 2007



#### SOURCE 2

#### The Number of Spoilt Ballot Papers and Majorities in Selected Constituencies (2007)

Constituency	Spoilt Ballot Papers (Number of votes not counted in result)	Majority (Number of votes candidate won by)
Aberdeen North	1173	3749
Airdrie and Shotts	1536	1446
Cunningham South	1055	2168
Dumfries	1006	2839
Midlothian	1649	1702

Edinburgh and Glasgow have the highest percentage of spoilt ballot papers. The number of spoilt ballot papers did not affect the result in any of the selected constituencies.

View of Holly Kerr

Using **only** Sources 1 and 2 above, give **one** reason to **support** and **one** reason to **oppose** the view of Holly Kerr.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)

(c)



Many workers choose to join a trade union. As members of a trade union, workers have rights that are important to them.

Give **two rights** that members of a trade union have.

Choose **one** of these **rights** and explain why it is important to workers.

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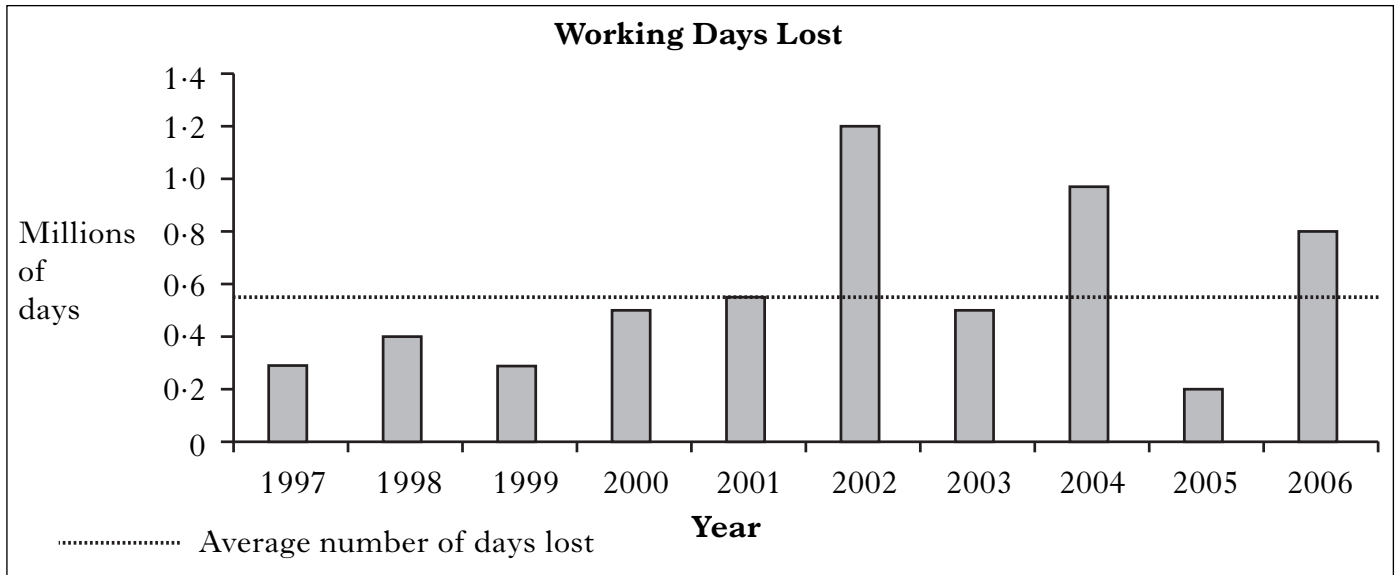
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**QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)**

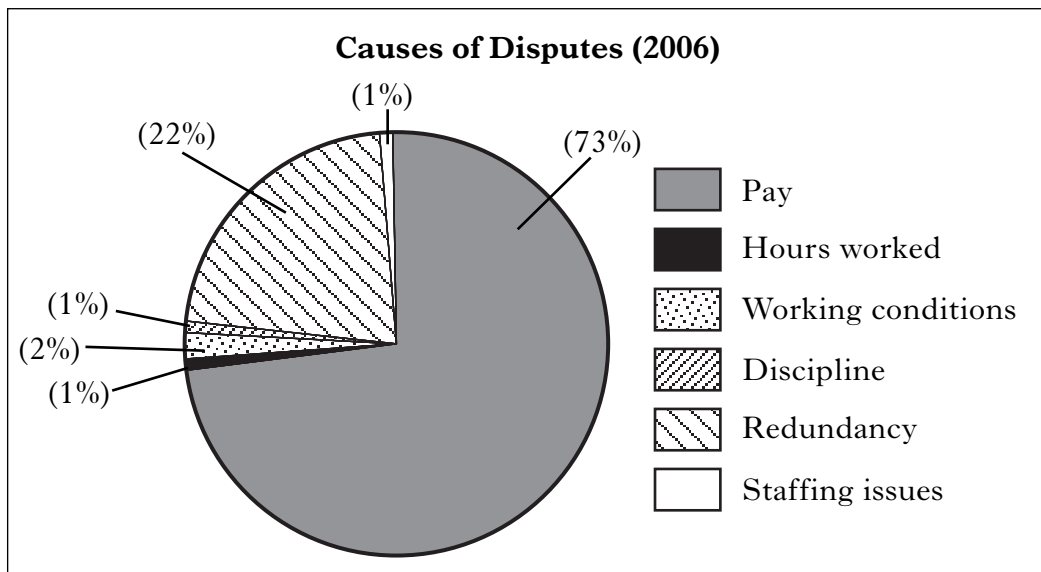
(d) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

**Information about Industrial Disputes in the UK**

**SOURCE 1**



**SOURCE 2**



Write down **two** conclusions about industrial disputes in the UK.

You should write **one** conclusion **with evidence** about **each** of the following.

- The main cause of industrial disputes in 2006.
- The year which was the furthest from the average for working days lost.

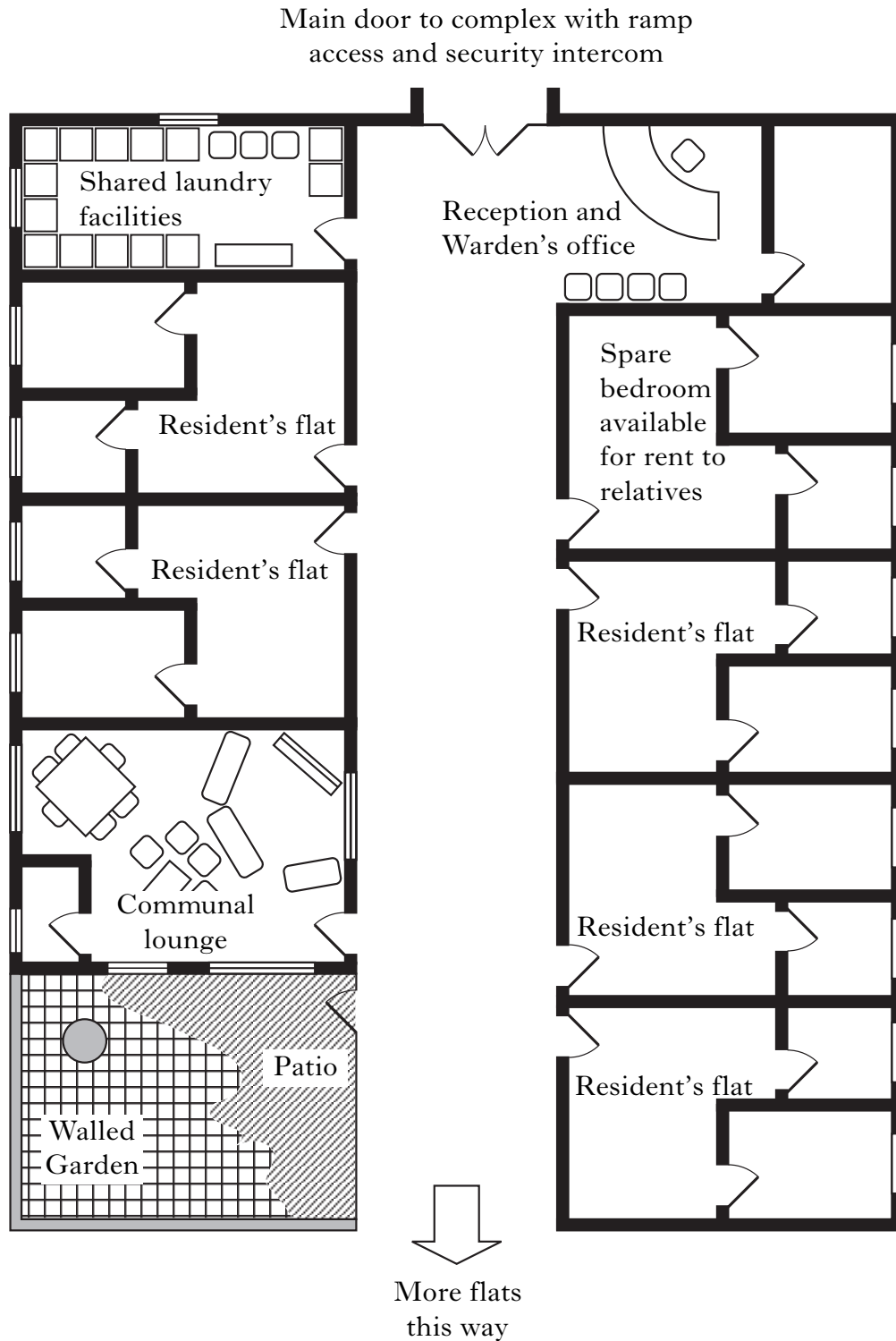
Your answer **must** be based entirely on the Sources above.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

SYLLABUS AREA 2—CHANGING SOCIETY

QUESTION 2

(a) Sheltered housing can help meet the **needs** of elderly people.



Describe **two** ways in which *sheltered housing* can help meet the **needs** of elderly people.

To answer this question you may wish to use the drawing above.

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

## QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)

(b) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

### SOURCE 1

#### The Scottish Workforce

In 2006, Scotland's population was 5,116,900. It was 5,094,800 the previous year, and 5,064,200 in 2001.

The number of people in employment is called the workforce. In 2006, there were 2,500,000 people in work in Scotland. The number of male workers had increased by 5.6% since 1996, and the number of females had gone up by 11.2%.

### SOURCE 2

Unemployment in Scotland, 2000–2006 (%)			
Year	Male	Female	Total
2000	6.4	2.2	4.5
2001	5.9	1.9	4.0
2002	5.8	1.8	3.9
2003	5.5	1.8	3.7
2004	5.1	1.7	3.5
2005	4.7	1.6	3.2
2006	4.8	1.7	3.3

#### Statements made by Betty Hill

- The population has increased in recent years.
- The percentage of male workers has increased much more than the percentage of female workers.
- Female unemployment has always been lower than male unemployment.
- Total unemployment has fallen every year since 2000.

Using **only** Sources 1 and 2 above, write down **two** statements made by Betty Hill which are **exaggerated**.

Using the information in the Sources, give **one** reason why **each** of the statements you have chosen is **exaggerated**.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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## QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)

- (c) *Some elderly people are wealthier than other elderly people.*

Give **two** reasons to explain why *some elderly people are wealthier than other elderly people*.

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

- (d) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

### SOURCE 1

#### VIEW OF ALEX BROWN

The number of unemployed people in the United Kingdom has fallen in recent years.

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) was introduced by the Government to replace Unemployment Benefit. It is a weekly payment which is just enough to meet an unemployed person's basic needs.

To receive this benefit, an unemployed person must be aged 18 years or over, and actively seeking work.

JSA aims to get unemployed people into a job that best suits their qualifications.

### SOURCE 2

#### VIEW OF NICOLA McLEAN

Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) tries to push people off benefits and into any low paid job that's available.

Any unemployed person who is looking for a job, and is 18 or over, can apply.

The money is paid every week, but it is not enough for unemployed people to live on.

The Government brought in JSA as a replacement for Unemployment Benefit.

In the last few years there has been a decrease in the level of unemployment in the United Kingdom.

Sources 1 and 2 give different views about the **Jobseeker's Allowance**.

Write down **two** differences between these views.

You **must** only use information from the Sources above.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)





**QUESTION 3 (A) (CONTINUED)**

(b) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

**SOURCE 1**  
**USA Ethnic Minority Unemployment Rate**

Year	Ethnic Minority Groups		
	Black	Hispanic	Asian
1998	8.9%	7.2%	3.8%
2000	7.6%	5.7%	3.6%
2002	10.2%	7.5%	5.9%
2004	10.4%	7.0%	4.4%
2006	8.9%	5.2%	3.0%

**SOURCE 2**

***The Rockford Record***

**Home Ownership Today**

Home ownership is seen as an important part of the American Dream in the USA.

In 2006, home ownership was 75% for White families but only 47% for Black, 50% for Hispanic and 60% for Asian families. Compared to 1998, this is an increase of 3% for White families, 2% for Black families, 5% for Hispanic families and for Asian families the increase is 8%.

Today, there are still big differences in the rates of home ownership between whites and other ethnic minority groups.

In 2006, unemployment was at its lowest for all ethnic minority groups. The group with the lowest unemployment in 2006 has seen the greatest increase in home ownership.

View of Ann Struther

Using **only** Source 1 and Source 2 above, give **one** reason to **support** and **one** reason to **oppose** the view of Ann Struther.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 3 (A) (CONTINUED)**



You are investigating the topic in the box below.

**CRIME IN THE USA**

Answer questions (c), (d) and (e) which follow.

(c) As part of the **Planning Stage**, give **two** relevant **aims** for your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, 2 marks)

Relatives from the USA are visiting Scotland on holiday and you decide to talk to them about your investigation.

(d) Give **two** advantages of talking to your relatives from the USA as a way of finding out information for your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, 2 marks)

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### QUESTION 3 (A) (CONTINUED)

You find out that your relatives have brought a copy of the “**Rockford Record**” with them. You find the page below in the newspaper.

Use the newspaper page below to answer question (e).

#### *The Rockford Record*

page 2



	California	Texas	Mississippi	New York
High School Graduates	77%	76%	73%	79%
People living in poverty	13%	16%	19%	14%
Violent crimes per 100,000	526	529	278	445
Unemployment rate	5%	5%	7%	4%

#### Special Reports

##### America at War

Full coverage of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and of the “War on Terror” on pages 12 and 13.

##### Crime in the USA

See “Crime in the USA – Special Report” on pages 10 and 11.

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Life –	Personal Health
Sports –	Baseball

#### Crime in Rockford

There will be a public meeting about local crime in the town hall on Friday. Come along and make your views known to the Chief of Police who will be there.



- (e) Give **two** ways in which you could use the newspaper page above to help with your investigation into “Crime in the USA”.

For **each** way, explain why it would be a **good** way to help you with your investigation.

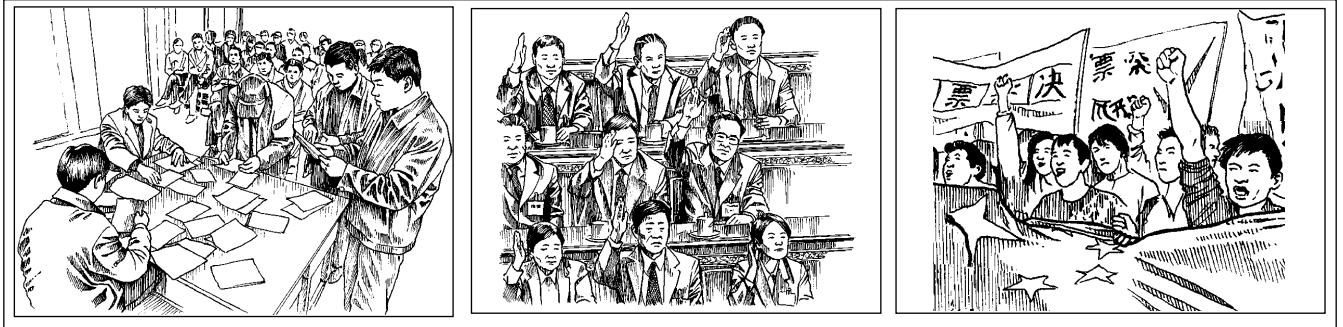
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**QUESTION 3 (CONTINUED)**

**(B) CHINA**

(a) Chinese people can **participate** in politics in many ways.



Describe **two** ways in which *Chinese people can participate in politics* in China.

In your answer, you **must** use Chinese examples.

**To answer this question, you may wish to use the drawings above.**

(Knowledge & Understanding, 4 marks)

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### QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)

(b) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

#### SOURCE 1 Unemployment Rate in Selected Chinese Regions

Year	Beijing	Guangdong	Henan
1998	0.8%	3.0%	3.0%
2000	0.9%	3.2%	3.1%
2002	1.4%	3.4%	3.5%
2004	2.3%	3.6%	4.7%
2006	2.5%	3.7%	4.8%

#### SOURCE 2

##### *The Nanchong News*

##### Report about the Wealth Gap

Unemployment in China is increasing the gap between rich and poor.

Unemployed people in Henan province struggle to live on \$12 per month in benefits whereas the average monthly wage is \$64. The average monthly wage in Beijing is \$138 and in Guangdong it is \$149.

Different education levels affect the differences in income.

The highest ownership of cars was in Beijing where 20% of households owned a car whereas in Guangdong it was 8% and in Henan 3%.

Since 1998, unemployment has increased in all the selected regions. The region with the lowest rate of unemployment in 2006 had the highest average monthly income.

View of Kathy Lou

Using **only** Source 1 and Source 2 above, give **one** reason to **support** and **one** reason to **oppose** the view of Kathy Lou.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)**



You are investigating the topic in the box below.

**CRIME IN CHINA**

Answer questions (c), (d) and (e) which follow.

(c) As part of the **Planning Stage**, give **two** relevant **aims** for your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, **2** marks)

Relatives from China are visiting Scotland on holiday and you decide to talk to them about your investigation.

(d) Give **two** advantages of talking to your relatives from China as a way of finding out information for your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, **2** marks)

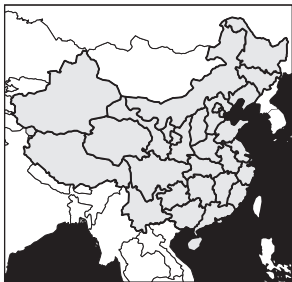
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### QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)

You find out that your relatives have brought a copy of the “**Kowloon Herald**” with them. You find the page below in the newspaper.

Use the newspaper page below to answer question (e).

**The Kowloon Herald** page 2  
*Hong Kong’s Biggest English Speaking Newspaper*




	<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>Guangzhou</b>	<b>Sichuan</b>	<b>Henan</b>
High School Graduates	96%	91%	72%	75%
People living in poverty	18%	16%	27%	27%
Violent crimes per 100,000	138	147	68	62
Unemployment rate	4%	3%	4.5%	5%

**Special Reports**  
**The Chinese Economy**  
Analysis of the rapid growth in the Chinese economy. Could the economy “overheat”? Turn to pages 7 and 8 to find out.  
**Crime in China**  
See “Crime in China – Special Report” on pages 10 and 11.  
**Olympic Impact**  
Turn to pages 12 and 13 to find out how the Beijing Olympics boosted Chinese tourism.

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Issues –	Youth Crime
Life –	Has the One Child Policy worked?
Sports –	World Cup 2010

**Crime in Hong Kong**  
The head of the Ministry for Public Security will be in Hong Kong on Friday to hear your views on the issue of crime. Come along and make your views known.  


- (e) Give **two** ways in which you could use the newspaper page above to help with your investigation into “Crime in China”.

For **each** way, explain why it would be a **good** way to help you with your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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*SYLLABUS AREA 4 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS*

**QUESTION 4**

(a) **Problems faced by some African countries**

<b>War/Conflict</b>	<b>Debt</b>	<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>Unsafe water</b>
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Choose **two** of the problems shown above.

Describe how **each of the problems you have chosen** affects some African countries.

(Knowledge & Understanding, **4** marks)

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## QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)

(b) Study Sources 1 and 2 below, then answer the question which follows.

### SOURCE 1

#### EU Reform Treaty – The governments say “YES”

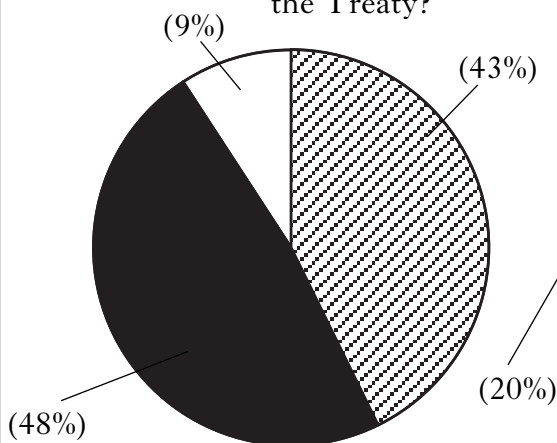
In 2007, all 27 European Union (EU) governments agreed a new treaty. It is called the EU Reform Treaty. European governments believe that it will give better security for all and help improve living standards for EU citizens. However, there are many people in Europe who do not support the Reform Treaty, particularly in France and Denmark.

The UK Government believes that British people support the treaty. They do not think a referendum on the EU Reform Treaty is necessary.

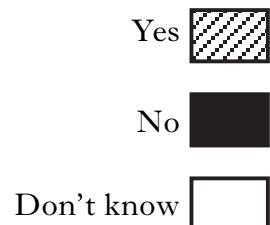
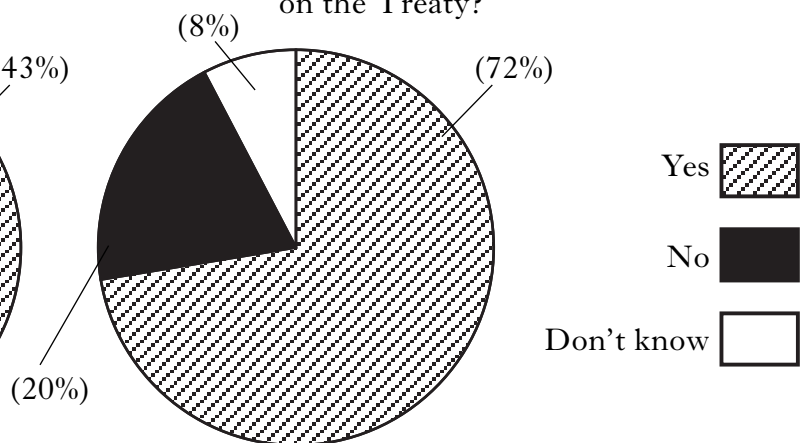
### SOURCE 2

#### UK Public opinion poll on EU Reform Treaty (2007)

Question 1: Do you support the Treaty?



Question 2: Should we have a referendum on the Treaty?



#### Statements made by John O'Donovan, Journalist

- All of the EU member governments have said “yes” to the Treaty.
- Almost half of the UK population are against the Reform Treaty.
- A large percentage of the UK’s population are undecided about the Treaty.
- Most people agree with the UK government about a referendum on the Treaty.

Using **only** Source 1 and Source 2 above, write down **two** statements made by John O'Donovan which are **exaggerated**.

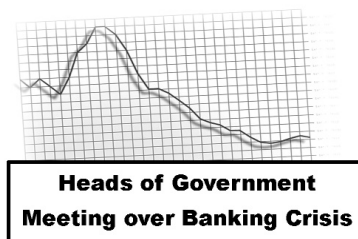
Using **only** the information in the Sources, give **one** reason why **each** of the statements you have chosen is **exaggerated**.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)**

(c)

*Countries like the UK can benefit from being members of the European Union.*



Give **two** ways in which a country *like the UK* can benefit from being a member of the *European Union*.

For **one** of these ways, describe how a country like the UK could benefit.


**To answer this question, you may wish to use the drawings above.**

(Knowledge & Understanding, 4 marks)

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## QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)

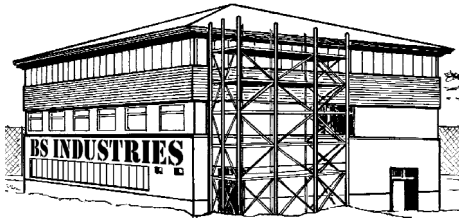
(d) Study the information below, then answer the question which follows.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Information about Tonu</b></p> <p>Tonu is a town in the African country of Ghana. Tonu's population is around 23,000. Many of the people are very poor and half of them live on less than one dollar per day. The average income in the town is only \$500 per year.</p> <p>Ghana is a democratic country, with elections being held every four years. It is difficult to improve standards of living as only 58% of Tonu's population can read and write.</p>
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Ghana's government wants to solve some of Tonu's problems. They are not sure if **Project A** or **Project B** would **best solve these problems**.

### PROJECT A

#### BS Industries – New factories



A new factory will be built in Tonu on land which will have to be cleared of rubbish. Electrical goods will be produced and sold throughout the world. Wages are likely to be around \$1000 each per year for the 110 permanent workers.

The jobs will be low skilled and require little education. Some temporary jobs will be created to clear the land. The building work itself will take around four months to complete.

### PROJECT B

#### Ghana Learning Foundation – Schools



This charity works in many different parts of Ghana. Five new primary schools will be built in Tonu, giving around two thousand children access to education for the first time.

Each school will serve a main housing area. Schools will be built on land that is not being currently used. The building work will take around 6 months to complete. 100 local people will be trained as teachers. They will then earn around \$1200 per year.

Using **only** the information above, decide which project, **Project A** or **Project B**, would be the **better** choice for Ghana's government to **solve Tonu's problems**.

Give **two** reasons to **support** your decision.

You **must** link the information about Tonu to the project you have chosen.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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