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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)



- (i) Give **two** ways in which a Councillor **can find out** about a local problem.
- (ii) Describe **one** action a local Councillor could take to help **solve** a local problem.

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

(Knowledge & Understanding, 4 marks)

## QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)

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

### SOURCE 1

#### UK Election Results in Glasgow East Constituency

	Number of Votes 2005	Number of Votes 2008
Conservative Party	2135	1639
Labour Party	18 775	10 912
Liberal Democrat Party	3665	915
Scottish National Party	5268	11 277
Scottish Socialist Party	1096	555

### SOURCE 2

#### Changes in the Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Parliament was set up in 1999 and since then has made many changes to life in Scotland.

There are 129 seats in the Scottish Parliament. In 1999, the Labour Party was the largest group in the Scottish Parliament with 56 seats. Labour formed a coalition government with the Liberal Democrats. The closest party to Labour was the SNP with 35 seats. In the 2007 election, the SNP won 47 seats compared to Labour who won 46. The next election to the Scottish Parliament will be held in 2011.

In Glasgow East, the support for all political parties decreased between 2005 and 2008.

Labour continues to be the largest party in the Scottish Parliament.

View of Iain McEwan

Using **only** Sources 1 and 2 above, give **two** reasons to **oppose** the view of Iain McEwan.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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**QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)**

(c) *People have **rights** and **responsibilities** when they belong to a Pressure Group.*



Describe one **right** and one **responsibility** that people have when they belong to a Pressure Group.

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

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

## QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)

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

### SOURCE 1

#### The SNP's First Year in Government (2007–2008)

In May 2007, less than a month after they came to power, the SNP abolished road tolls on all Scottish bridges. In December 2007, the SNP announced that they would abolish NHS prescription charges by 2011. In February 2008, SNP MSPs voted to scrap the one-off student fee which students must pay when they graduate. Labour and Conservative MSPs voted against this policy. In the Spring of 2008, the Scottish Government urged people not to “panic buy” petrol when oil refineries closed due to industrial action. Fuel was shipped from England to ensure Scotland did not run out.

### SOURCE 2

#### Opinion Poll (May 2008)

Question: Which party would you vote for?

Party	In a Scottish Parliament Election	In a UK Parliament Election
Conservative	13%	17%
Labour	31%	34%
Liberal Democrat	15%	14%
SNP	36%	30%

#### STATEMENTS MADE BY SADIA NAVEED

- The Conservative Party would get least votes in an election for the Scottish Parliament.
- The SNP and the Conservative Party agreed on all policies during the year.
- The SNP promised to abolish prescription charges.
- The SNP is likely to get most votes in a UK Parliament Election.

Using **only** Sources 1 and 2 above, write down **two** statements made by Sadia Naveed 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)

## SYLLABUS AREA 2—CHANGING SOCIETY

### QUESTION 2

- (a) *Elderly people make more use of the National Health Service (NHS) than other groups.*



Give **two** reasons why *elderly people make more use of the NHS than other groups.*

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

#### VIEW OF KIRSTY LAWRENCE

The number of UK households in fuel poverty has risen to over 3·5 million. This is a rise of over 900 000 in a single year.

Huge rises in gas and electricity bills are the main causes of this increase in fuel poverty.

The Government has spent over £20 billion in recent years on a variety of schemes to help those in fuel poverty.

The best way to solve fuel poverty is to increase State benefits to vulnerable groups such as the elderly and families with children.

### SOURCE 2

#### VIEW OF GORDON MUIR

The main cause of fuel poverty is poor insulation in many houses allowing heat to escape through walls, windows and roof.

Over the past few years, the UK Government has introduced a variety of measures to try to end fuel poverty. This has cost more than £20 billion.

However, there has been a recent increase from 2·6 million, to just over 3·5 million households who suffer from fuel poverty.

The Government should provide better insulation for homes to help reduce fuel poverty.

Sources 1 and 2 give different views about **fuel poverty**.

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

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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## QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)

You are investigating the topic in the box below.



**FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

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)

You decide to **visit** a local **Nursery** to speak to parents about your investigation.

(d) Describe **two** things that you would need to do to **prepare** for your **visit** to a local Nursery.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)



## QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)

You decide to carry out a survey of parents at the Nursery.

You write some questions and show them to your teacher.

Your teacher says that one of your questions is really good.

Use the survey below to answer question (e).

<b>Auldtown Academy</b>		
<b>Modern Studies Department</b>		
<b>Survey</b>		
<b>(Please circle answers as required)</b>		
1.	How long have you been unemployed?	(a) 1–2 months (b) 3–6 months (c) 6 months–1 year (d) over 1 year
2.	What do you think about the level of Child Benefit?	
	Too high                      About right                      Too low	
3.	Do you receive . . .	(a) a state pension? (b) a work pension? (c) a private pension?

- (e) Choose the **one** question which would **best** help with your investigation into “Families with young children”.

Explain why this question would help with your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, 2 marks)

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*SYLLABUS AREA 3 — IDEOLOGIES*

**QUESTION 3**

Answer **ONE** section only:      Section (A)—The USA on pages *ten* to *thirteen*

**OR** Section (B)—China on pages *fourteen* to *seventeen*

(A) **THE USA**

(a)

*American citizens may disagree with decisions taken by their Government.*

Describe **two** actions American citizens can take when they *disagree with decisions taken by their Government*.

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

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

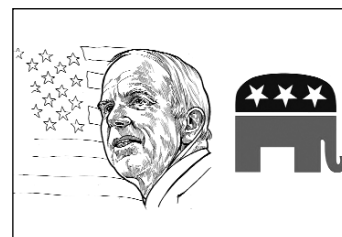
**QUESTION 3 (A) (CONTINUED)**

(b) Study the timeline below, then answer the question which follows.



**TIMELINE**

**THE USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
KEY EVENTS 2007–2009**



Date	Event
Early 2007	Politicians who want to be President of the USA start to raise money and gather support. The major candidates are from the two main parties, the Democrats and Republicans.
January to June 2008	The Primary elections are held. The Democrat and Republican party members start to vote for their choice of candidate.
August to September 2008	At the Democratic Convention, Barack Obama is chosen as their candidate. The Republican Convention chooses John McCain as their candidate.
October 2008	Barack Obama and John McCain take part in TV debates. These debates are watched by many Americans. Issues like the economy, healthcare, immigration and Iraq are discussed.
November 4th 2008	On Election Day, US citizens across all 50 states cast their votes for the President. The winner is Barack Obama with 365 Electoral College votes and 52.5% of the popular vote.
January 20th 2009	The Inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President takes place on the steps of Capitol Hill in Washington D.C.

The USA's main political parties are the Democrat and Republican parties. Both the Democrats and Republicans held a Convention to choose their candidate in August and September. Few Americans watched the TV debates between Obama and McCain. Unfortunately, the President was elected with less than half the popular vote.

View of Lucy Smith, US Politics Expert

Using **only** the timeline above, write down **two** statements made by Lucy Smith which are **exaggerated**.

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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

(c) *Many American people have become rich and successful.*



Describe **two** ways in which *many American people have become rich and successful.*

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

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

(Knowledge & Understanding, 4 marks)

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

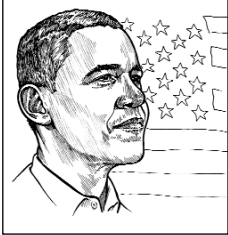
(d) Study the information below, then answer the question which follows.

**USA Enquirer** **January 2009**

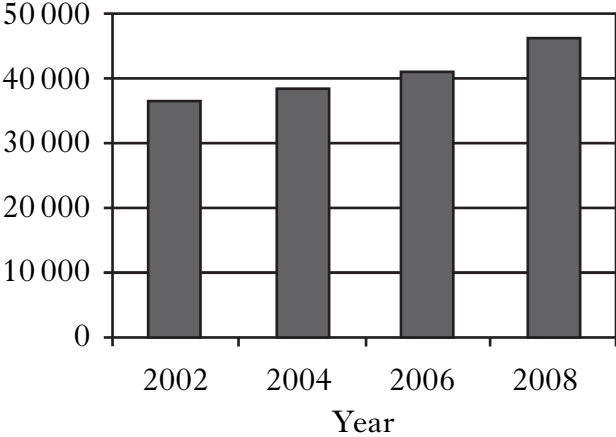
**New policies from Barack Obama**

President Barack Obama's plan is to tackle the problems within the USA. He campaigned on the idea that the USA can change.

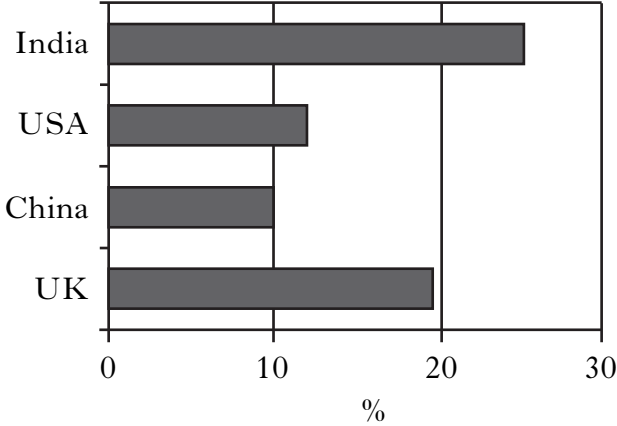
President Obama wants to make the economy stronger and make life better for hard working Americans.



**Average income per person (\$)** **Percentage living below the poverty line (2008)**



Year	Average income per person (\$)
2002	36,000
2004	38,000
2006	41,000
2008	46,000



Country	Percentage living below the poverty line (%)
India	25
USA	12
China	10
UK	20

In recent years, there has been a continuous increase in the average income of people in the USA. The USA has the lowest percentage of its population living below the poverty line.

View of Emma Steele

Using **only** the information above, give **one** reason to **support** and **one** reason to **oppose** the view of Emma Steele.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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**QUESTION 3 (CONTINUED)**

(B) **CHINA**

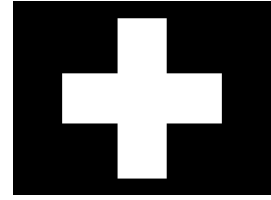
(a)



**Crime**



**Housing**



**Health**

Choose **one** of the topics above.

For the topic you have chosen, give **two** reasons why some Chinese are **worse off** than others.

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

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

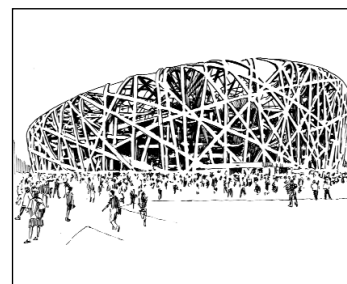
**QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)**

(b) Study the timeline below, then answer the question which follows.



**TIMELINE**

**BEIJING OLYMPICS 2008  
SELECTED EVENTS 2001–2008**



Date	Event
July 2001	Beijing is announced as the host city for the 2008 Olympic Games. The unsuccessful cities are Toronto, Paris, Istanbul and Osaka.
May 2004	Construction begins on the Beijing National Stadium. It later becomes known as the “Bird’s Nest” due to the way it looks.
August 2007	A human rights group based in Switzerland states that 1.5 million people have lost their homes to provide land for Olympic venues.
March 2008	The torch-lighting ceremony takes place in Olympia, Greece, home of the ancient Olympics. It is then carried round the world to Beijing.
April 2008	Thousands of protesters wave Tibetan flags and shout “Shame on China” as the Olympic torch relay passes through London. Protests continue in San Francisco, New Delhi and Canberra.
August 2008	The Chinese Government promises to give greater freedom to the press during the Olympics. It fails to do so as many Internet sites are blocked to reporters.

The new National Stadium was designed to look like a bird’s nest. Many Chinese people had lost their homes due to new Olympic buildings being built. Protests about human rights only took place in London. Reporters were given greater freedom during the Olympics.

Statements made in a speech by Sue Chan

Using **only** the timeline above, write down **two** statements made by Sue Chan which are **exaggerated**.

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)

(c) *Many Chinese people have become rich and successful.*



Describe **two** ways in which *many Chinese people have become rich and successful*.

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

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

(Knowledge & Understanding, 4 marks)



### QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)


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

## China Today

January 2009

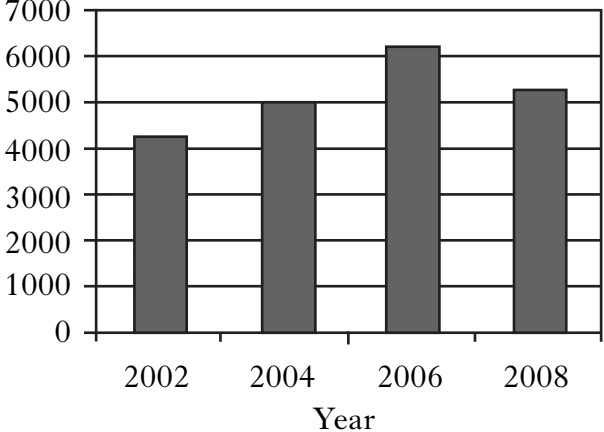
### New policies from Hu Jintao

President Hu Jintao's plan is to tackle the problems within China. He promotes the idea of a society where all Chinese people are happy and doing well.



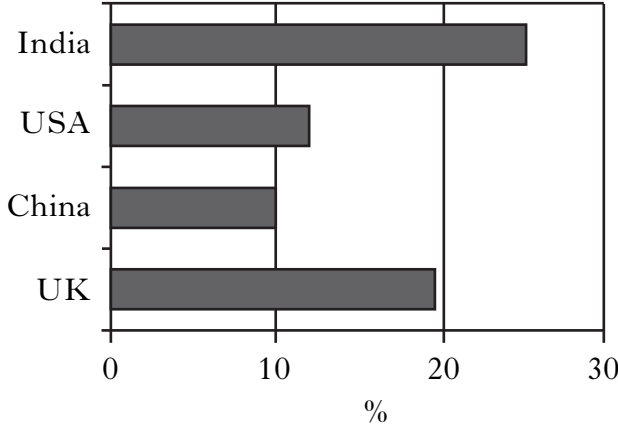
China still has a number of poor people and it is Jintao's vision to make rural areas wealthier and reduce the number of people living in poverty.

#### Average income per person (\$)



Year	Average income per person (\$)
2002	4300
2004	5000
2006	6300
2008	5300

#### Percentage living below the poverty line (2008)



Country	Percentage living below the poverty line (%)
India	25
USA	12
China	10
UK	20

In recent years, there has been a continuous increase in the average income of people in China. China has the lowest percentage of its population living below the poverty line.

View of Li Yifan

Using **only** the information above, give **one** reason to **support** and **one** reason to **oppose** the view of Li Yifan.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

**NOW GO TO QUESTION 4 ON PAGE EIGHTEEN**

*SYLLABUS AREA 4 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS*

**QUESTION 4**

- (a) *The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) is a military alliance that countries wish to join.*



Give **two** reasons why some countries want to join the NATO military alliance.

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

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

## QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)

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

<h1>SCOT AID</h1>	<h3>SCOTAID to spend £50 000 in Cameroon</h3> <p>Scottish charity, SCOTAID, wants to meet the needs of young people in Cameroon, which is one of Africa's poorest countries. SCOTAID has 3 main aims.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To improve education for young people</li><li>• To improve basic health care</li><li>• To improve child care in Cameroon</li></ul>
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SCOTAID is not sure if **Project A** or **Project B** would **best meet its aims**.

### PROJECT A

#### School Bus Project in Chomba



Chomba is an isolated village where many people are farmers. Due to the steep hillsides, farming can be very difficult.

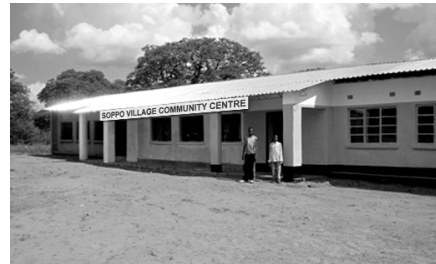
A school bus would be purchased. This would allow an extra fifty children to attend school every day. Two local people would be employed as part-time drivers.

Every weekend the bus would be used to bring supplies such as medicines, bandages and ointments from the city of Bamenda.

The cost of this project is £50 000.

### PROJECT B

#### Community Centre Project in Soppo



A new community centre would be built.

One full-time caretaker would be employed.

This project would cost £50 000.

Many of Soppo's women would like to work. The new community centre will have a children's nursery.

The centre would be fully equipped with ten wind-up laptop computers that the young people could use to gain qualifications.

Using **only** the information above, decide which project, **Project A** or **Project B**, would be the **better** choice to meet **SCOTAID's aims**.

You **must** link SCOTAID's aims to the project you have chosen.

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)**

(c) *Rich countries have power over poor countries in Africa.*



Describe **two** ways in which *rich countries have power over poor countries in Africa.*

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

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

#### QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)

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

**Daily Oil Production and Imports ('000s of barrels)**  
**Selected EU countries**

Country	2005		2008	
	Production	Imports	Production	Imports
France	70	1900	70	1900
Germany	140	2900	150	2100
Poland	30	480	33	410
UK	1800	1600	2070	1080

Write down **two** conclusions about oil production and oil imports in the European Union.

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

- The country with the biggest change in oil production.
- What happens to oil imports as a country's oil production rises.

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

(Enquiry Skills, **4** marks)

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