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MODERN STUDIES  
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General Level

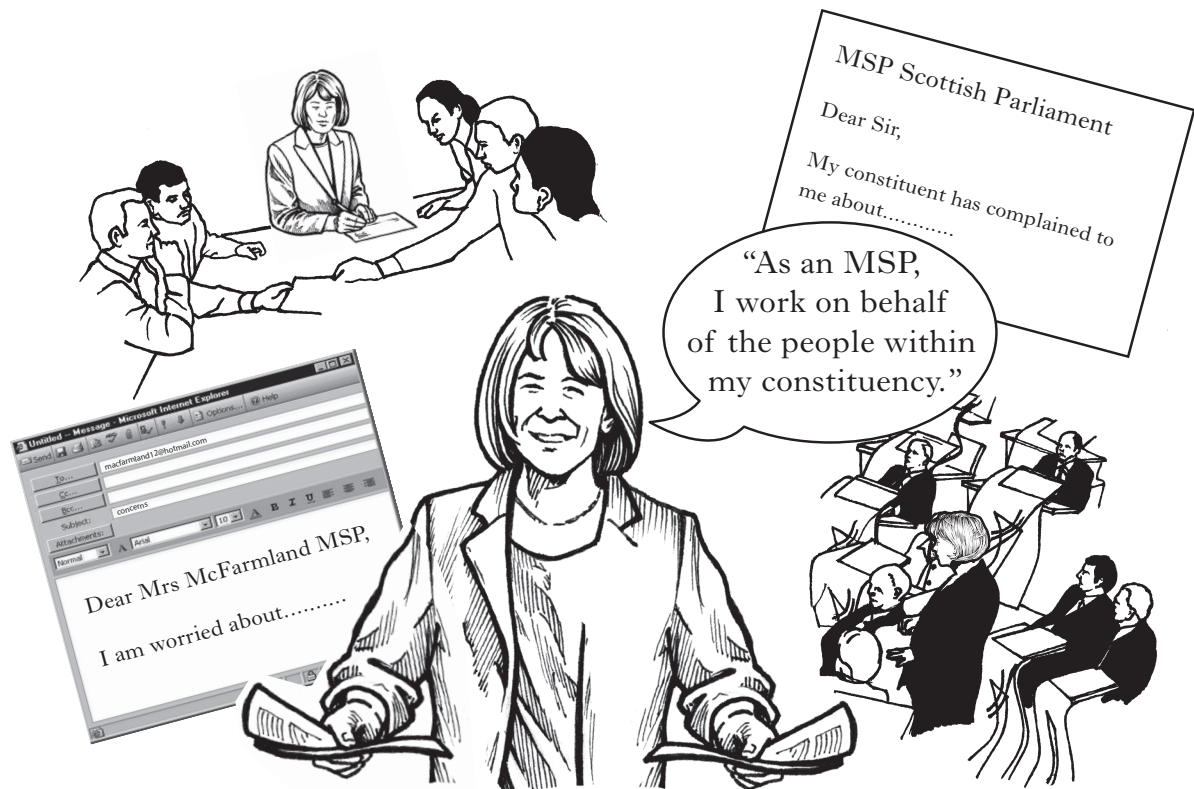
- 1 Read every question carefully.
- 2 Answer all questions as fully as you can.
- 3 If you cannot do a question, go on to the next one. Try again later.
- 4 In question 3, answer **one** section only: Section (A) The USA **or** Section (B) China.
- 5 Write your answers in the answer book provided. Indicate 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) Describe **one** way in which an MSP **can find out** about problems in their constituency.
- (ii) Describe **one** action an MSP can take to help **solve** these problems.

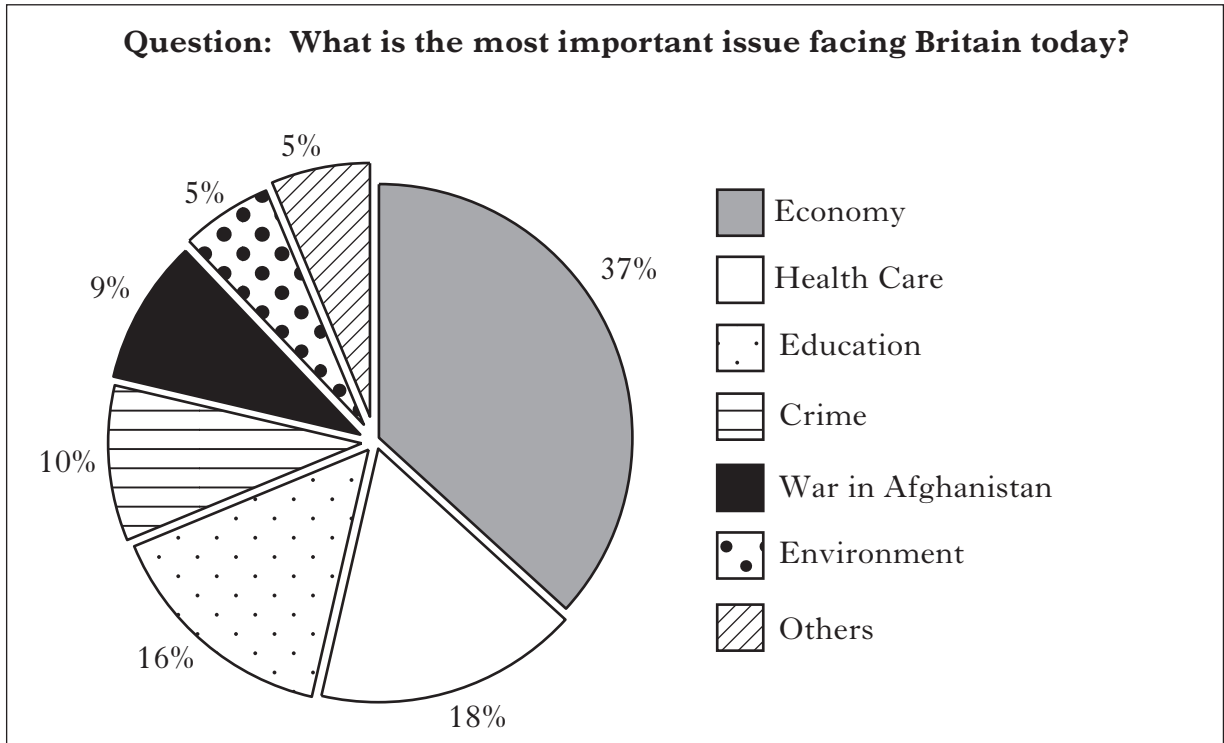
To answer these questions, you may wish to use the drawing above.

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)**

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

**UK ELECTION OPINION POLL  
MARCH 2010  
SOURCE 1**



**SOURCE 2**

**Question: Which party would you vote for?**

<b>Age of Voter</b>			
<b>Party</b>	<b>18–34</b>	<b>35–54</b>	<b>55+</b>
Conservative	25%	30%	32%
Labour	35%	24%	18%
Liberal Democrats	10%	14%	19%
Other party	30%	32%	31%

Write down **two** conclusions about the UK Election Opinion Poll.

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

- The issue that people think is the most important.
- The political party with the biggest change in voting support as voters get older.

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)**



You are investigating the topic in the box below.

**PRESSURE GROUPS IN BRITAIN**

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 use copies of your local newspaper from the past two years to help with your investigation.

(d) Give **one advantage** and **one disadvantage** of using **past copies of the local newspaper** for your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, **2** marks)

## QUESTION 1 (CONTINUED)

You also decide to try and contact a local pressure group to help you in your investigation.

You see the following advertisement in the local paper.

Study the advertisement carefully, then answer the question which follows.

### *Keep Inverdee Super Safe [KISS]*

*Looking after your local area by campaigning for safer roads.*

#### **Meeting in Inverdee Town Hall**

Saturday, 12th May 2012 from 2pm to 4pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to ask questions and give us their opinion about road safety in Inverdee.

**Andy Brown (Chairman KISS)**

KISS Headquarters

The Old Post Office

Middle Road

Inverdee



**Web site:** [www.kiss.co.uk](http://www.kiss.co.uk)

- (e) Using the advertisement above, choose **two** ways in which you could contact a local pressure group.

For **one** way chosen, explain why it is a **good** way to get information to help in your investigation.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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SYLLABUS AREA 2—CHANGING SOCIETY

QUESTION 2

(a)



*Housing sometimes fails to meet the needs of elderly people.*

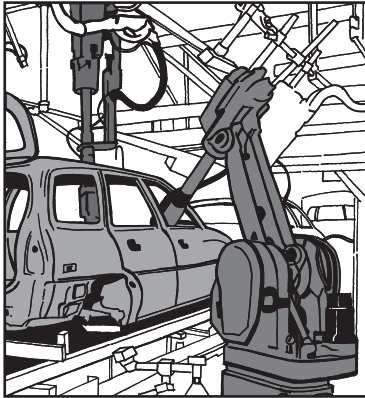
Describe **two** ways in which *housing sometimes fails to meet the needs of elderly people*.

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

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)**

(b)



*Different types of new technology have changed the ways in which people work.*

Give **two different types** of new technology *that have changed the ways in which people work.*

Choose **one** of these **types** of new technology, then explain the ways in which it has changed how people work.


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

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

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## QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)

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

	<p><b>Information about Gleninch Council and the needs of lone parents</b></p> <p>Gleninch Council is concerned that lone parents are struggling to return to work. They have decided to fund one project to help this group. The main aims of Gleninch Council to help lone parents are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to provide access to good quality childcare</li><li>• to improve ICT skills</li><li>• to develop better interview skills.</li></ul>
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Gleninch Council is not sure if **Project A** or **Project B** would best meet its aims.

### PROJECT A

Gleninch has a high rate of unemployment amongst lone parents.

This project would focus on teaching parents ICT skills to enable them to return to a modern workplace. They would be shown how to word process, e-mail and access the Internet.

Accommodation at Gleninch College is available and the project could be up and running within six months.

This project would have a free nursery to allow the parents to concentrate on learning their new skills.

### PROJECT B

There are jobs in Gleninch but many people do not have the skills needed to get into work.

This project would provide parents with an allowance to cover nursery costs so that they could attend the course.

The main focus in this project would be communication skills to improve interview technique. The parents would role play interviews and practise answering questions.

Gleninch College will provide accommodation and a Gleninch teacher has volunteered to teach the course.

Using **only** the information above, decide which project, **Project A** or **Project B**, would be the **better** choice for Gleninch Council to meet **its aims to help lone parents**.

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

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)



## QUESTION 2 (CONTINUED)

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

### SOURCE 1

#### Youth Unemployment

Many young people have been leaving school with no job or college place to go to. This group is sometimes referred to as “NEETs”. This stands for “Not in Employment, Education or Training”. This problem is worst in poor areas already suffering from high levels of unemployment.

In 2010, the unemployment rate among under 25 year olds was more than double that of any other age group. Almost 8% of 18–24 year olds were unemployed compared to only 3% of 50 year olds.

### SOURCE 2

#### Percentage of Population Claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) (Selected Constituencies)

Constituency	2005 (%)	2007 (%)	2009 (%)
Aberdeen South	1.4	1.0	1.7
Angus	3.3	2.6	3.7
Dundee West	4.4	3.8	5.6
Edinburgh South	1.5	1.2	2.2
Glenrothes	4.8	3.6	5.9

Since 2005, Glenrothes has always had the highest rate of JSA claims. Despite the recession, young people are just as likely to be in work as older people.

View of Zain Akram

Using **only** the information above, give **two** reasons to **oppose** the view of Zain Akram.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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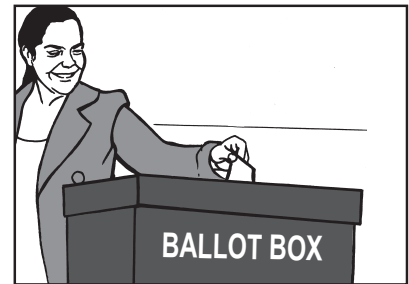
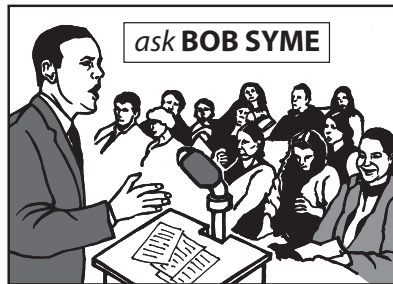
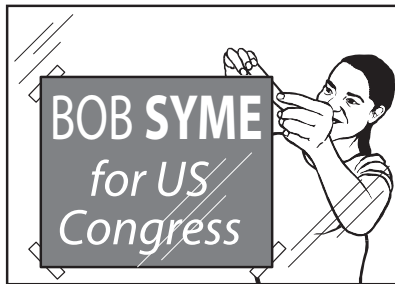
SYLLABUS AREA 3—IDEOLOGIES

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 people can participate in politics in many ways.*



Describe **two** ways in which *American people can participate in politics* in the USA.

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)

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

#### SOURCE 1

##### Health Insurance in selected States (2010)

State	People with no health insurance (millions)	People with poor or limited health insurance (millions)
California	7.3	2.7
Florida	4.0	1.1
New York	2.7	0.8
Texas	6.6	1.1

#### SOURCE 2

##### American Health — Obama's New Plan

In 2010, 45 million people had no health insurance. If the Government did nothing, this figure would be 53 million by 2020. To stop this happening, President Obama working with Congress passed a new health law that brought down health care costs for American families and small businesses. Much stricter rules were put in place for health insurance companies.

Millions of Americans took a step closer to achieving the American Dream as a result of President Obama's health reforms. He hoped that the reforms would lead to an increase in life expectancy whilst child death rates would fall. America spends 16% of its annual income on health while the UK and France spend 8%.

##### STATEMENTS MADE BY DEREK SCOTT

- Texas and Florida are the two states with the highest numbers of people without health insurance.
- New York has the smallest number of people with poor or limited health insurance.
- Obama's health care reforms mean increased costs for American families.
- The USA spends twice as much on healthcare than some other countries.

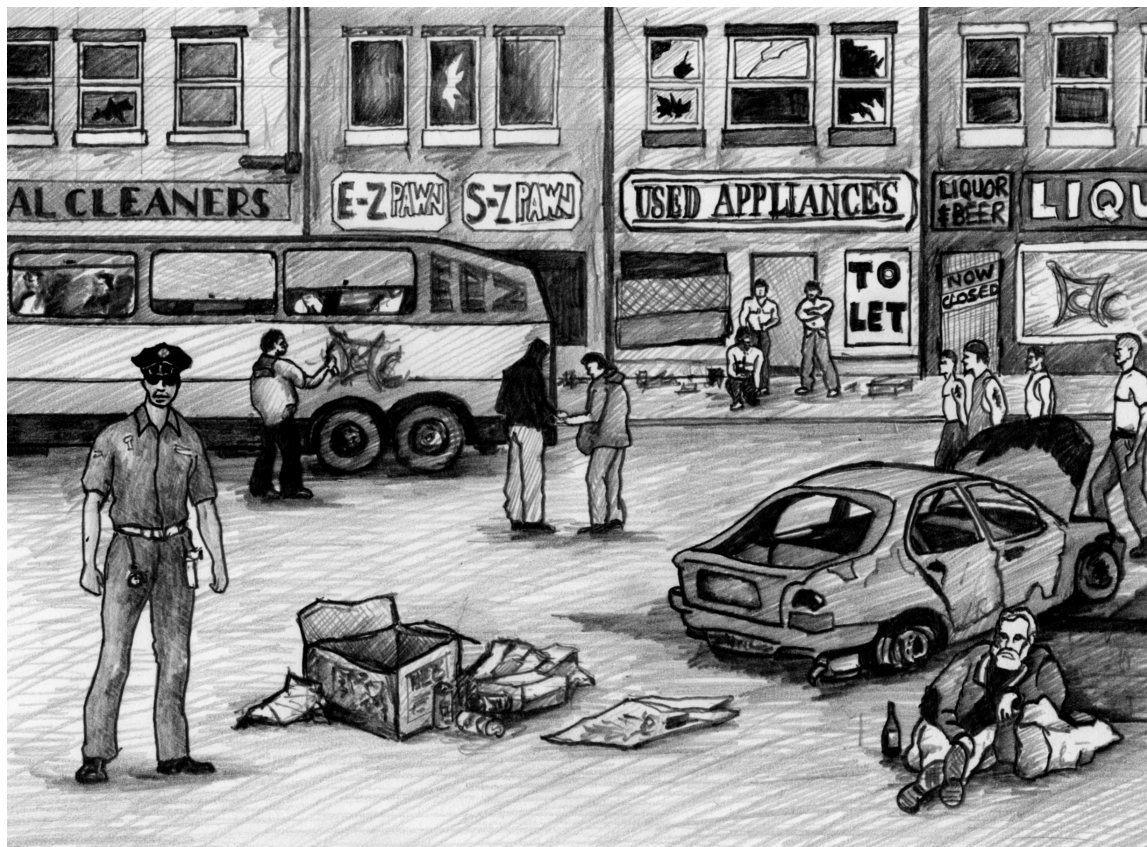
Using **only** Sources 1 and 2 above, write down **two** statements made by Derek Scott which are **exaggerated**.

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

QUESTION 3 (A) (CONTINUED)

(c)



*Some Americans are more likely to be involved in crime than others.*

Give **two** reasons to explain why *some Americans are more likely to be involved in crime than others*.

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

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

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

### QUESTION 3 (A) (CONTINUED)

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

#### SOURCE 1

##### Denver Daily News — Economic Report

The US economy has suffered greatly in recent years. The Government has spent billions of dollars to try to keep unemployment down and to support industries like car manufacturing.

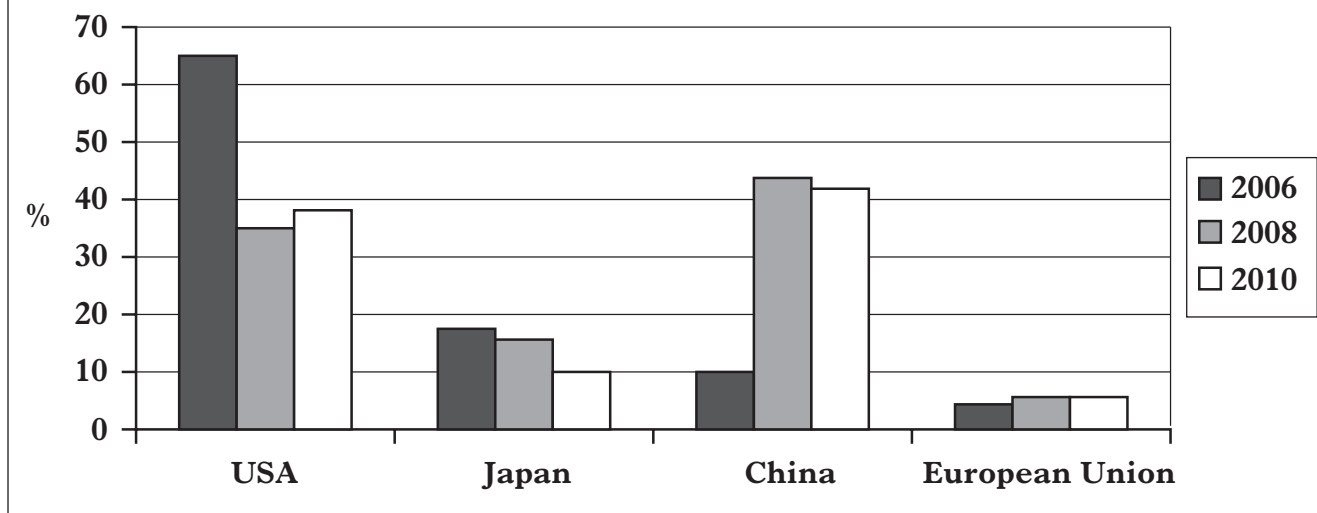
Despite these huge economic difficulties, workers and university graduates from all around the world still flock to the USA. The USA is still the number one choice of Chinese graduates searching for a better job with higher pay.

A Beijing university claimed that two-thirds of Chinese who have gone abroad to study since the 1980s have not returned to China. The Chinese Government is trying to persuade them to return.

#### SOURCE 2

##### Denver Daily News — Opinion Poll

QUESTION: Who do you think is the leading economic power in the world?



Most people continue to think that the USA is the world's leading economic power. The USA continues to attract Chinese graduates looking for a better life.

View of Professor Audrey Hunter, University of Denver

Using **only** Sources 1 and 2 above, give **one** reason to **support** and **one** reason to **oppose** the view of Professor Audrey Hunter.

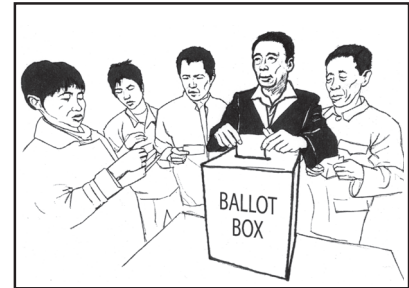
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**QUESTION 3 (CONTINUED)**

**(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 and Understanding, 4 marks)

### QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)

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

#### SOURCE 1

##### Chinese Opinion Poll

**QUESTION: Are you worried about each of the following?**

	Worried (%)	Not Worried (%)
Having enough money when you are retired	51	49
Paying for the education of your children	41	59
Keeping a good standard of living	52	48
The cost of dealing with crime	31	69

#### SOURCE 2

##### Chinese Health — The Government's New Plan

By 2020, the Chinese Government has promised to provide “safe and affordable health services” to all Chinese people. At the moment, the average Chinese person pays around half of their medical bills themselves. Currently, 43% of Chinese people are not satisfied with the quality of healthcare they receive.

Most Chinese people live in countryside areas where standards of health are poor. In the countryside, 76% of people are concerned about paying medical bills while in towns, 58% are worried. Under the Government's new plan, almost 30,000 Rural Township Hospitals are to be built and more than 1 million village and community doctors are to be trained.

##### STATEMENTS MADE BY GAO WEIWEI

- Those living in towns are more concerned about medical costs than those in the countryside.
- Most Chinese people are worried about paying for their children's education.
- More than half of Chinese people are satisfied with their healthcare.
- Retirement concerns the majority of Chinese people.

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

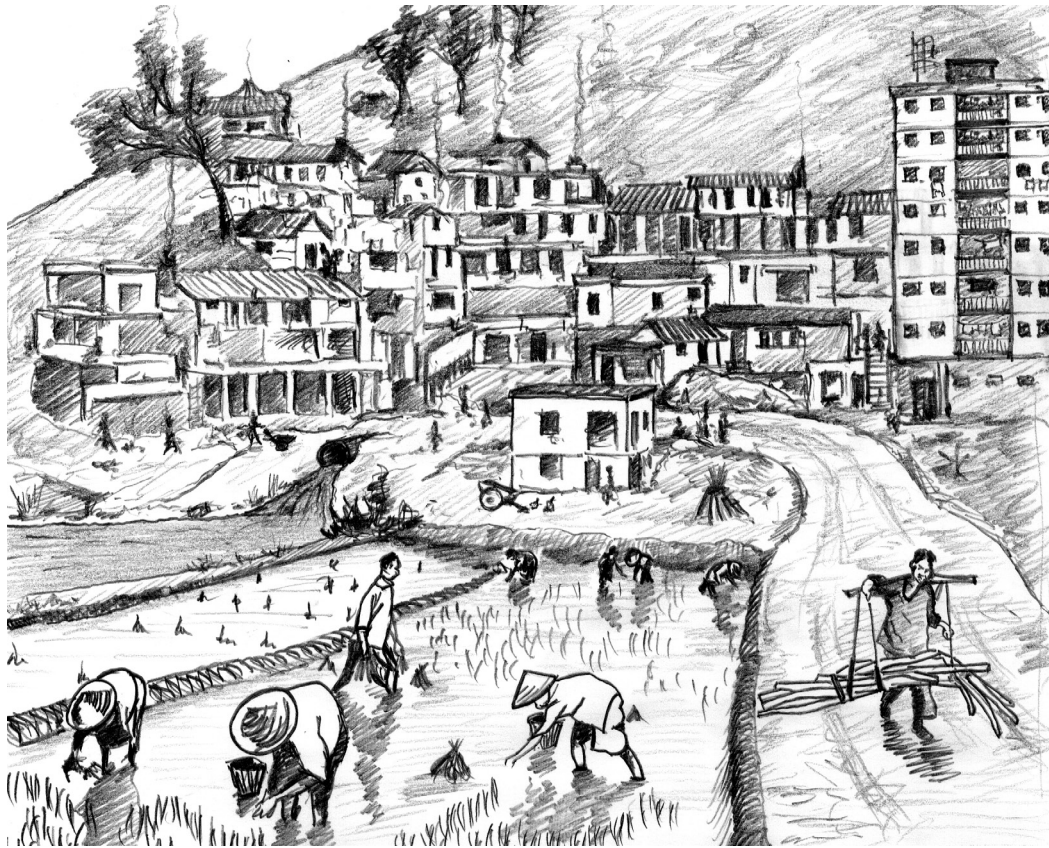
Using the information in the Sources, give **one** reason why **each** of the statements you have chosen is **exaggerated**.

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)



QUESTION 3 (B) (CONTINUED)

(c)



*Some people in China are more likely to live in poorer housing than others.*

Give **two** reasons to explain why *some people in China are more likely to live in poorer housing than others*.

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

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

(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)



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

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

**SOURCE 1**

**Guangzhou Guardian — Economic Report**

The Chinese economy has suffered greatly in recent years. The Government has spent billions of yuan to try to keep unemployment down and to support industries like electronics.

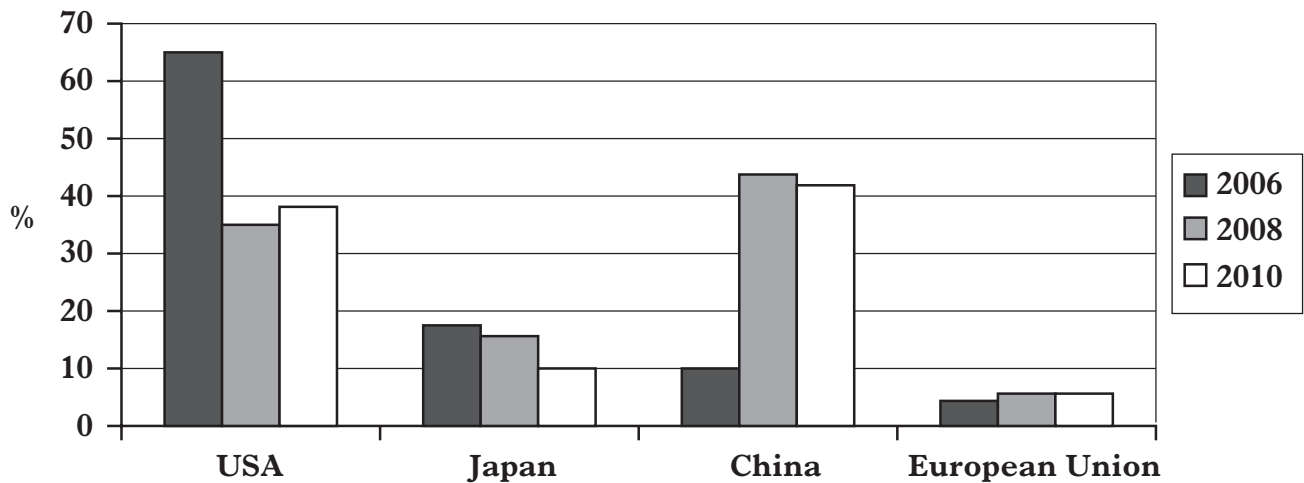
However, the problems in China have contributed to the fact that university graduates have gone abroad in search of a better job with higher pay. The USA is still the number one choice for these graduates.

A Beijing university claimed that two-thirds of Chinese who have gone abroad to study since the 1980s have not returned. The Chinese Government is trying to persuade them to return.

**SOURCE 2**

**Guangzhou Guardian — Opinion Poll**

**QUESTION: Who do you think is the leading economic power in the world?**



Most people continue to think that China has always been the leading economic power in the world. Many Chinese graduates still leave China in search of more highly paid jobs abroad.

View of Professor Zhang, University of Guangzhou

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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

QUESTION 4

(a)



*The European Union is an alliance that countries still wish to join.*

Give **two** reasons to explain why *countries still wish to join the European Union*.

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

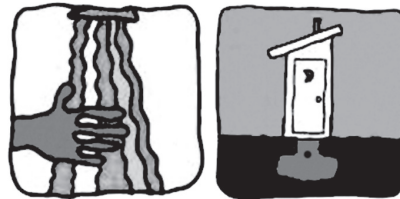
(Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks)

**QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)**

(b)



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
**SANITATION**



*Aid can help to meet the **needs** of some people in Africa.*

Give **two** types of aid that *can help to meet the needs of some people in Africa.*

For **one** of these types of aid, explain why it meets their needs.

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

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

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## QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)

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

### SOURCE 1

#### United Nations' Report on Somalia

Somalia has been in turmoil since 1991 when its government collapsed. Somalia's greatest need is a stable government.

The drought in Somalia is the worst for 10 years and is destroying local farming. This is causing famine.

Healthcare is a major problem in Somalia. Newly qualified doctors in Somalia are already making a big difference in improving the health of the people.

Pirates and hostage takers in Somalia have given the country a bad reputation. To help this situation, more sea patrols are being introduced to help deal with this problem.

### SOURCE 2

#### Somalia Rebels' Press Release

Food imports are destroying local farming as they force Somalis to depend on foreign food. This is leading to famine in Somalia.

Pirates are destroying the image of Somalia. We are trying to get the situation under control by patrolling the seas.

Our government collapsed in 1991 and we aim to give Somalia a stable government, which is the country's greatest need.

Student doctors have recently graduated from a Somali Medical School for the first time in 20 years. However, so many have left for jobs overseas that health care has not improved.

Sources 1 and 2 give different views about **the causes of Somalia's problems**.

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

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

#### QUESTION 4 (CONTINUED)

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

**TIMELINE**  
**AFGHANISTAN**  
**KEY EVENTS 2003 – 2011**

DATE	EVENT
2003	NATO takes control of security in the Afghan capital, Kabul. It is NATO's first-ever mission outside of Europe.
2004	Al-Qaeda attempt to assassinate the new President of Afghanistan.
2005	The first parliamentary elections in more than 30 years are held. Hamid Karzai is declared the new President of Afghanistan.
2006	International donors promise more than £5.7 billion in reconstruction aid over 5 years. NATO takes responsibility for security across the whole of Afghanistan.
2007	NATO troops, together with Afghan forces, launch "Operation Achilles" which is the largest offensive to date against the Taliban.
2008	NATO leaders say the peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan is their top priority. They promise to stay and help the Afghan Government for as long as they are needed.
2009	The USA sends an extra 4000 troops to train the Afghan army and police. More than 100 tonnes of drugs is seized by coalition forces.
2010	NATO-led forces launch a major offensive in a bid to secure Government control of more of Afghanistan. The NATO focus in Afghanistan is now to protect civilians.
2011	Coalition forces suffer further casualties from Taliban attacks. Troops from the US and UK are most affected.

NATO has been increasing its troops in the Afghan conflict. Afghanistan has been given very little international aid to help it rebuild cities destroyed by warfare. Unfortunately, Afghanistan has made no improvements in democracy in the country. The Taliban continues to target coalition troops.

View of John Sapeluk, International Conflict Specialist

Using **only** the information above, write down **two** statements made by John Sapeluk which are **exaggerated**.

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

(Enquiry Skills, 4 marks)

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