

**2006 Contemporary Social Studies**

**Standard Grade – Credit**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## Question 1

- (a) **“We are delivering real improvements...in bathing water quality.” (Source B – statement from SEPA spokesperson).**

**To what extent do you agree with this statement?**

**Use the Sources to justify your answer.**

### **Poor Progress:**

- four beaches too dangerous to swim in due to human/animal sewage in 2004
- ten beaches close to main centres of population where beaches in 2004 failed to reach basic safety limits
- nine beaches in Clyde coast, south coast of Forth (near Edinburgh/Glasgow) plus 1 north of Dundee would have failed but for higher pollution allowed by SEPA when rainfall high
- increased number of failed beaches in 2004
- liability to prosecution by European Commission for breaking pollution laws
- progress limited despite 20 years to make progress. Aims to ensure 60 beaches meet limits yet failure to achieve
- yet 2004 second best year for water quality
- generally – progress – but still considerable way to go.

Allow mark per point made, or 2 marks for well developed point. The source points at very limited support for the SEPA spokesperson, but best answers will find some support.

**EV6**

- (b) **From your own knowledge, suggest the possible economic consequences for a tourist area when a beach fails safety limits.**

- Tourist day visitors, short stay and long stay may fall.
- Seasonal employment may be restricted.
- Demand for accommodation/beds/nights may fall.
- Visitors to restaurants/entertainment may fall.
- Reduced economic benefits – impact on other employment partially supported by tourism.

**Marks 4 x 1 or 2 x 2 or 2 + 1 + 1**

**KU4**

**Question 1 continued**

- (c) **Using the Sources, suggest reasons for the decline in the quality of beaches in Scotland.**

Impact of different sources of litter - tourist  
- sewage  
- shipping

Increased use of plastic packaging, which is non bio-degradable.

Classification of Source

**Tourists:**

- crisps/sweet wrappers
  - cotton buds
  - plastic
  - bottle tops/lids
  - glass
  - cigarette ends.
- } People more inclined to drop litter these days

**Sewage:**

- cotton buds. More people flushing items down toilet

**Seen sources:**

- rope/cord/net. Ships throw rubbish overboard

Candidates may apply their own knowledge to the information in Sources. Allow use of just **one** Source, if need be. Two developed points can gain 4 marks.

**EV4**

- (d) **It is important to improve the environmental quality of beaches or other areas of natural beauty.**

**From your own knowledge, describe the steps that could be taken to do this by**

- (i) **individuals;**  
(ii) **volunteer groups;**  
(iii) **government agencies.**

- (i) Individuals – personal responsibility, beach walking, tidying  
– take litter home
- (ii) Volunteer groups – campaigns/fundraising/litter collection days
- (iii) Government agencies – regulations – limits on use of plastics  
– legislation – fines for dumping or littering  
– local authorities – litter management, sign up, litter bins, wardens

**KU6**

## Question 2

- (a) **“Scotland is a successful sporting nation.”**

**Do you agree or disagree? Use evidence from Sources A and B to justify your opinion.**

- comparison with Finland for total of gold medals; these can be used **for** or **against** depending on perspective used
- millions of people per medal makes us more successful than USA and Finland, but less successful than the others
- football (4 of 6), rugby, golf, snooker, tennis, squash
- millions of people per medal makes us worse than all but USA or Finland

**EV4**

- (b) **Scots compete as part of the British team in the Olympic Games, but as a separate Scottish team in the Commonwealth Games.**

**From your own knowledge, suggest how this might affect**

- (i) **feelings of national identity in Scotland**  
(ii) **support for the different political parties in Scotland.**

- (i) Personal identification with athlete.  
Success of Scottish team will boost feelings of national identity.  
Being part of British team can build resentment.

**Give credit for examples.**

- (ii) Success should boost fortunes of those with strong identification with Scotland.  
SNP might be expected to benefit disproportionately from any success or failure.

**Allow up to 3 marks for either (i) or (ii). Must deal with both for full marks.**

**KU4**

- (c) **From Source C, describe the advantages and disadvantages for the city of Glasgow in hosting the Commonwealth Games.**

**Advantages:**

- enhanced image
- advantage of Government support given
- tourism will benefit during games – business reviews
- city will have legacy of facilities.

**Disadvantages:**

- cost of building and maintaining facilities
- need for Government support.

**EV4**

**Question 2 continued**

- (d) **“The Scottish Executive has set a target for physical activity...”(Source D)**

**Using the information in Source D, explain how meeting this target could help to improve the health of people in Scotland.**

- Meeting target will increase life expectancy for both men and women (Scotland’s life expectancy is very low).
- Remove 60% of reason for ill health.
- Improve overall ages/both genders.
- “Physical activity is one of the most important factors in good health”.

**EV2**

- (e) **From your own knowledge, suggest how changes in lifestyle and technology over the last 50 years might explain Scotland’s poor health record.**

**Lifestyle and Technology:**

- personal transport – cars or public transport/bicycle etc
- people walk less
- changes in employment – heavy industry – services
- technology – computers/TV etc sedentary
- diet aspects – processed or non processed food/increase in sugar/salt intake
- technology in home – contrast with the past demands of housework
- higher incidence of smoking, drugs and alcohol due to improved living standard.

**KU6**

### Question 3

- (a) **Using the Sources, summarise the importance of tourism to the Scottish economy.**

**Importance of tourism:**

- number of jobs (Source A, B and C)
- value to economy (Source A and C)
- increase of tourist numbers (Source A)
- significant boom in Edinburgh – more jobs there
- 10% of jobs in Edinburgh in tourism
- replacing jobs lost elsewhere.

**EV6**

- (b) **“Manufacturing output was down...”**

**From your own knowledge, for a manufacturing industry of your choice, give reasons to explain the decline of that industry.**

- Choice of appropriate industry – history of that industry.
- Anticipate shipbuilding; car; textiles, but any appropriate industry accepted.
- Reasons to include reference to strong value of pounds accepted.
- Competition from abroad; movement to overseas manufacturing bases.
- Higher costs due to social provision in UK.
- Exhaustion of local raw materials.
- Failure to develop technology.
- Management/union problems.

**KU6**

- (c) **“There is continuing pressure on British business to relocate overseas.”  
(Source D)**

**Using Source D, describe the possible advantages and disadvantages for companies of moving their factories overseas.**

**Advantages:**

- lower wages – avoid minimum wage
- longer hours for less pay in China/India
- easier labour relations
- absence of unions
- available labour (English speaking)
- high standards in production.

**Disadvantages:**

- unreliability of power supplies
- lack of skilled workers
- need for expensive training.

**EV4**

**Question 3 continued**

- (d) From your own knowledge, describe how government and local authorities can encourage industries to set up or remain in Scotland.**

Support – environmental/infrastructure/training/grants etc.

**KU4**

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