



2008 Contemporary Social Studies

Standard Grade – Credit

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Answers wherever possible should be expressed in sentences.

In this paper, candidates should be given 1 mark for a solid, valid point and 2 marks for developing that point/identifying relationships.

Question 1

- (a)
- Alaska contains 25% world's oil reserves.
 - Alaska is more accessible due to shrinking ice cap.
 - 60% of US oil is imported.
 - Demand has pushed up prices of oil abroad.
 - Problems in countries which supply oil to US
 - Jobs would be created for US workers.
 - Petrol prices would be lower for US inhabitants.
- EV 6**
- (b)
- Organizations could generate publicity eg Greenpeace could sail Rainbow Warrior into Arctic Ocean or activists could chain themselves to pipeline. Using the world media, groups could use the US Government's own findings against it and argue the case for increased legal protection. Support the case of the indigenous people by highlighting their situation on a worldwide basis. Ask neighbouring countries to raise situation in UN.
- Some candidates have interpreted the question as being about ways of *conserving* areas. This has been accepted.
- KU 4**
- (c)
- Social; inhibit the right of the indigenous people to hunt and, as a consequence, hardship could ensue.
- Environmental; disrupt the caribou breeding programme, endanger wildlife eg musk ox, caribou and snow geese.
- EV 4**
- (d)
- Fossil fuels are running out.
Global warming.
Rising sea levels.
Air pollution.
Health of people suffering eg lung diseases.
Rapidly industrializing nations eg China, are now major polluters and users of fossil fuels.
Prices will keep on increasing.
- KU 6**

Question 2

- (a) There is a projected increase.
Total population likely to fall below 5 million.
Decline is very gradual.
Population is ageing (all Source A).
Fewer indigenous skilled workers.
Migrants are doing little to alleviate shortage and those who do are in professions (Source B). **EV 6**
- (b) Advantages
Skills deficit being redressed in part.
Improving nation's health (dentists).
Working for lower wages improves profit margins of Scotland's companies.
Migrants are good workers (timekeeping etc).
- Disadvantages
Most are unskilled/semiskilled so not a bonus to Scotland's workforce.
Repatriating money removes it from Scotland's economy.
Doing jobs Scots could do
Racial tension. **EV 4**
- (c) Advantages
Meet varied nationalities.
Chance to use foreign language skills.
Working in a team, developing interpersonal skills.
Positive feeling of helping people.
Chance to travel and see places that you otherwise would not.
- Disadvantages
Long hours, often on split shifts.
Low wages.
Can be seasonal so less job security.
Limited promotion opportunities.
- Training/retraining can be either positive or negative. **KU 6**
- (d) Answer will depend on industry chosen. Could include
Increased productivity/hour.
Lower labour costs.
Increased product quality. **KU 4**

Question 3

- (a) Numbers in lower income households dropping by >50% means more people are able to afford cars and so less bus travel. May also mean families can afford to support students at University who in turn will help economy to grow when employed. Higher income means less need to commit crime. Anti smoking legislation plus more NHS investment has positive effect on longevity.

EV 6

Maximum of 3 marks if a number of discrete observations, rather than a summary.

- (b) As people become richer, more disposable income accrues, part of which will be spent on leisure pursuits. More cars means increased mobility, so a wider variety of pursuits, further away, can be undertaken. Increasing numbers of pensioners, healthier and wealthier enter leisure market, often taking holidays abroad. Students broaden horizons at University and can undertake a wide variety of Sports there. Reduced working hours under EU directives also means greater leisure time available.

EV 4

- (c) The media, especially TV has introduced “exciting” new sports eg snowboarding which some are keen to try, not just watch. Others pick up new sports while on holiday abroad eg scuba diving. Schools have shied away from concentrating on a few sports such as football and hockey to a wider variety in the hope that pupils will find one they can achieve in. Government is encouraging more participation in sport and with > number of community schools offering leisure facilities, it is easier for people to participate. Cost of watching some sport such as Premier League football reduces number of spectators who may well play eg 5-a side.

KU 4

- (d) In the traditional religions of Scotland, a decline in the number of adherents. In part a feeling that it is less relevant to society today; in part younger people feel religion is “boring” and perhaps the churches have not publicised their meaning appropriately, not moving with the times. In addition there are a wider variety of recreational activities now available on Sundays while there are more people working at weekends and unable to go to church. Increasing numbers of immigrants has resulted in a wider variety of religions and in some of these growing fundamentalism has resulted in increasing numbers being attracted to them.

KU 6

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