



2008 Modern Studies

Higher – Paper 2

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Questions 1 to 3 are based on Sources A to C on pages 2 – 5. Answer Questions 1 to 3 before attempting Question 4.

In Questions 1 to 3, use only the Sources described in each question.

Question 1

Use **only** Source C1(a) and Source A.

To what extent does the evidence support Daphne Millar?

Daphne Millar claims: *The most common reasons for not handing in a prescription are to do with cost [or the price per item is such that many adults find it very difficult to pay] – no-one finds that they did not need it after all (1).*

Source C1(a) shows that 28% of people didn't hand in prescriptions because it cost less to buy the medicine over the counter, while 25% didn't hand it in because it cost too much money (1). However 10% of people said that their health improved – did not need it after all (1).

3 Marks

Question 2

(a) Use **only** Source C1(b) and Source A.

Why might Daphne Millar be accused of exaggeration?

Daphne Millar claims: *Free prescriptions would make a huge difference as to whether patients did or did not go to their doctor (1).*

Source C1(b) show just over 10% would be much more likely to go/it would make no difference to almost 80% (1).

2 Marks

(b) Use **only** Source C2 and Source B.

Why might Tom Beattie be accused of exaggeration?

Tom Beattie claims: *"In a recent survey on health care systems in European countries, the UK was one of the highest rated." (1).*

Source C2 shows that 7 out of the 11 countries had their health care systems rated/scored higher than the UK (1).

2 Marks

Question 3

Use **only** Source C1(c), Source C3 and Source B.

To what extent does the evidence support Tom Beattie?

Tom Beattie claims: *Most people who have to can afford to pay for all the items on their prescriptions and that there is little support from health and community groups for completely abolishing prescription charges (1).*

Source C1(c) shows that more than 60% can afford all of the items (1) but Source C3 shows 50% support for abolishing prescription charges (1).

3 Marks

Question 4

You are an expert on social policy. You have been asked to prepare a report for an all-party group of MSPs, in which you recommend or reject the proposal to make all prescriptions free in Scotland.

- Zone Mark: C pass = 10 or 11
B pass = 12 or 13
A pass = 14 and above
- Use the full range of marks up to and including 20/20
- Do not over credit answers that simply paraphrase the source information in isolation
- The report must feature background knowledge if it is to pass
- Use must be made of all specified sources

Credit

A style appropriate to a report (sub-headings, chapters etc) with:

- an introduction that indicates an awareness of the role to be adopted and makes a clear recommendation
- developed arguments in support of the recommendation
- identification of and comment on (rebuttal of) counter arguments
- synthesis of source information
- provision and use of appropriate background knowledge
- an overall conclusion.

Arguments for the proposal may feature:

- charges may lead to suffering and poorer health
- experience in Wales
- effects of cost especially on lower income groups
- long term damage to health when prescriptions not taken up
- evidence from GPs
- costs relative to overall NHS budget
- impracticality of lump sum payments

Arguments against the proposal may feature:

- spiralling cost of drugs
- exemptions already protect the poor/children/elderly
- option of buying over the counter
- charges discourage time wasters coming to surgeries
- adverse effect on the provision of new drugs
- benefits will be for the better off not the poor
- will lead to cutbacks elsewhere that will worsen the health gap

Accept, but do not ‘check list’, background knowledge-based argument developed from references in:

Source A

- *The Scottish Government... .. phase out and eventually abolish... charges*
- *The effects on individuals and in the longer term on the NHS*
- *the founding principles of the NHS*
- *An immediate improvement in the health of the nation*

Source B

- *the rising costs of medicines*
- *the NHS has... enjoyed public support*
- *the financing and performance of the NHS in Scotland*
- *If the health gap is to be closed*

Other background knowledge may include:

- the extent and causes of ill health
- the extent of poverty
- foreign comparisons
- recent media coverage
- relevant personal experiences
- other relevant points

20 Marks

Total 30 Marks

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