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- 1 Markers are asked to ensure that marks are entered in the correct columns. Column 1 is for KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING and column 2 is for ENQUIRY SKILLS. Marks should be recorded directly opposite the last line of a candidate's response.
- 2 'List type' answers to questions at General Level, if accurate, should be awarded a maximum of 2 marks.
- 3 It is strongly emphasised that the references in the marking instructions indicating expected responses are for guidance only and **MUST NOT BE VIEWED AS PRESCRIPTIVE**. The performance of candidates is measured against the Extended Grade Related Criteria and it is against these, rather than a checklist of responses, that they should be assessed.

Total Marks Available

Knowledge and Understanding	28
Enquiry Skills	36

SYLLABUS AREA 1 – LIVING IN A DEMOCRACY

QUESTION 1

- (a)

The concept being assessed is Representation. Candidates are required to provide detailed descriptions.

Award 1 mark for each correct way identified.

Award up to 2 marks for a description depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of detail.

Answers may include:

Give two ways councillors find out about a local problem

- Reading local newspapers.
- Attend local meetings.
- Local councillors hold surgeries.
- Some constituents will write to the councillor.

Any other valid point.

Describe one action councillors could take to help solve the problem

- Raise the matter with the wider council.
- Attend the relevant committee.
- If not a council problem then take it to the correct representative eg MSP.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (b)

Candidates are required to provide evidence to oppose a given point of view.
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Award up to 2 marks for each piece of evidence depending on quality of explanation.

Two pieces of evidence are required for full marks. Both sentences in the view must be dealt with for full marks.

Answers which do not make an explicit link between the view and the sources should be awarded a maximum of 2 marks.

The correct responses are:

- Iain McEwan says “In Glasgow East, the support for all political parties decreased between 2005 and 2008”.

Evidence to oppose this:

This is incorrect as Source 1 shows that although support for most parties went down, support for the SNP increased by 6,009.

- Iain McEwan says “Labour continues to be the largest party in the Scottish Parliament”.

Evidence to oppose this:

This statement is incorrect as Source 2 shows that although Labour was the largest party in 1999, they were forced into second place in 2007 by the SNP. This proves that they are not the largest party.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

- (c)

The concept being assessed is Rights and Responsibilities. Candidates are required to provide detailed descriptions.
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Award up to 3 marks for a description depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of detail.

Answers may include:

Rights

- To form a group eg Fathers 4 Justice (disbanded 2008 but always popular).
- Free speech eg giving interviews to the media.
- To protest eg Stop the War mass marches.

Responsibilities

- Not to coerce people into joining.
- Not to slander or libel others to try and strengthen your argument.
- Inform the police prior to any marches or rallies.

Any other valid point

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (d)

Candidates are required to detect exaggeration and provide explanations.
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Award 1 mark for each correct statement identified.

Award 1 mark for each correct reason.

The correct responses are:

Statement 1

The SNP and the Conservative Party agreed on all policies during the year.

Reason 1

From Source 1, it says that “In February 2008 the SNP MSPs voted to scrap the one-off student fee which students must pay when they graduate. Labour and Conservative MSPs voted against it.” This shows that the SNP and Conservatives did not co-operate.

Statement 2

The SNP is likely to get most votes in a UK Parliament Election.

Reason 2

From Source 2, it shows that only 30% of Scots would vote for the SNP in a UK election compared to 34% for Labour.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

SYLLABUS AREA 2 – CHANGING SOCIETY

QUESTION 2

- (a)

The concept being assessed is Need. Candidates are required to provide detailed explanations.

Award up to 3 marks for an explanation depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification.

Answers may include:

- As people get older, they are much more likely to suffer from poor health and so they may need to visit their GP more often than younger people.
- The NHS invites the elderly to visit their GP regularly for check-ups and to get vaccinated against the flu.
- There are many illnesses linked to old age such as Alzheimer's Disease, dementia and arthritis, which require treatment using drugs prescribed by the NHS.
- Many old people have falls leading to broken limbs which must be treated at hospital.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (b)

Candidates are required to make comparisons within sources and draw valid conclusions.
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Award up to 2 marks for each difference depending on the quality of explanation provided.

Two differences are required for full marks

The correct responses are:

Difference 1

- Source 1 says “Huge rises in gas and electricity bills are the main causes of this increase in fuel poverty” but Source 2 says “The main cause of fuel poverty is poor insulation in many houses allowing heat to escape through walls, windows and roof”.

Difference 2

- Source 1 says “The best way to solve fuel poverty is to increase State benefits to vulnerable groups such as the elderly and families with children” but Source 2 says “The Government should provide better insulation for homes to help reduce fuel poverty”.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

(c)

Candidates are required to give relevant aims for an investigative topic.

Award 1 mark for an aim depending on its quality and relevance.

Two aims must be given for full marks.

The following receive 0 marks:

- To find out about families with young children.
- To find out about families.
- To find out about children and families.

The following receive 1 mark:

- To find out the problems faced by families with young children.
- To find out the help available to families.
- To find out the views of parents with young children about the help they get.

Enquiry Skills, 2 marks available

- (d)

Candidates are required to describe in detail an appropriate method of enquiry.

Award 2 marks for each correct description.

Two descriptions are required for full marks.

Answers may include:

- Contact the nursery to arrange a date and time.
- Prepare relevant questions that you are going to ask.
- Consider how to record the answers for future use.
- Find out the location of the meeting, and make travel arrangements.

Any other relevant point.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

(e)

Candidates are required to state and justify an appropriate method of enquiry.
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Award 1 mark for the correct question.

Award 1 mark for a correct explanation.

The correct answer is:

Question 2 What do you think about the level of Child Benefit?

Explanation

- All parents with young children get Child Benefit, and so will be able to answer it.
- You can make conclusions about the opinions of the people who have replied.

Any other valid answer.

Enquiry Skills, 2 marks available

SYLLABUS AREA 3 – IDEOLOGIES

QUESTION 3A – THE USA

- (a)

The concept being assessed is Participation. Candidates are required to provide detailed descriptions.
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Award up to 3 marks for a description, depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification.

Two ways are required for full marks.

Award a maximum of 3 marks if no American example is given.

Answers may include:

- Americans can write to their Congressman/woman or Senator. They can also send e-mails. If enough people contact them, then they may alter their point of view.
- They can directly lobby their Congressman/woman or Senator in Washington DC.
- Write to newspapers such as the New York Times, Washington Post or the San Francisco Examiner. This can get the issue out in the open for debate by others.
- Take part in a protest.
- Join an Interest group which has a particular issue at its heart.
- Americans can register to vote and vote for candidates who might support their point of view.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (b)

Candidates are required to detect exaggeration and provide explanations.
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Award 1 mark for each correct statement identified.

Award 1 mark for each correct reason.

The correct responses are:

Statement 1

“Few Americans watched the TV debates between Obama and McCain.”

Reason 1

The timeline shows that in October 2008 ‘The TV debates were watched by many Americans’.

Statement 2

“Unfortunately the President was elected with less than half the popular vote.”

Reason 2

The timeline shows that in November 2008 ‘The winner was Barack Obama with 52.5% of the popular vote’.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

- (c)

The concept being assessed is Ideology. Candidates are required to provide detailed descriptions.

Award up to 3 marks for a description, depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification.

Two ways are required for full marks.

Award a maximum of 3 marks if no American example is given.

Answers may include:

- Capitalism encourages Americans to start businesses and try to make profits.
- Americans who start off in a poorly paid job, like cleaning, but work hard, can get better jobs and pay.
- Americans who do well at school, get good grades and go to college, get better jobs and pay.
- Americans who work hard in an area they have dreamed about, can fulfil the American Dream.
- Americans who own their own business can make it a successful international company and earn lots of money eg Bill Gates and Microsoft or Google's founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (d)

Candidates are required to provide evidence to support and oppose a given point of view.
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Award up to 2 marks for a piece of evidence depending on the quality of explanation.

Two pieces of evidence are required for full marks. Both sentences in the view must be dealt with for full marks.

Answers which do not make an explicit link between the view and the sources should be awarded a maximum of 2 marks.

Answers may include:

Support the view

Emma Steele says, “In recent years, there has been a continuous increase in the average income of people in the USA”.

Evidence to support

The ‘Average income per person’ graph shows income was \$35,000 in 2002 and increased each year to 2008 when it was \$45,000.

Oppose the view

Emma Steele says, “The USA has the lowest percentage of its population living below the poverty line”.

Evidence to oppose

The ‘Percentage living below the poverty line’ graph shows China at 10% was lower than the USA at 13%.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

QUESTION 3B – CHINA

- (a)

The concept being assessed is Equality. Candidates are required to provide detailed explanations.

Award up to 3 marks for an explanation, depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification.

Two ways are required for full marks.

Award a maximum of 3 marks if no Chinese example is given.

Crime

- Migration to the cities has caused the family to break down, this has led to youth crime increasing and the development of gangs.
- One child policy has put children under greater pressure and this has resulted in more crimes taking place.
- People in the countryside are facing greater levels of crime than ever before. Capitalism is blamed for this problem.
- Those who commit crimes against foreigners in China are punished more severely than those committing crimes against Chinese citizens.
- Migrant workers in the cities are blamed for the greater levels of crime there.

Housing

- Rural housing is still very basic. Many still do not have running water and electricity. The major cities have a better choice of housing with access to electricity, running water etc. Many rural Chinese cannot afford such luxuries.
- Migrant workers are often forced to live in very poor housing on the outskirts of the main towns. Conditions are as bad in some as the worst slums anywhere in the world.
- Communist party members tend to have better quality housing.
- Although the one child policy was officially scrapped, some families are still disadvantaged.
- Wages for skilled workers employed by foreign firms are higher than the average so better quality housing can be purchased.

Health

- Towns and cities have more modern hospitals with more qualified doctors, nurses, specialist equipment etc. There is a shortage of medical staff in rural areas. People in these areas often rely on traditional methods.
- Poor housing conditions and dangerous working conditions have damaged the health of many workers on the “Coastal Strip” and in “Special Economic Zones”. China is believed to have the world’s worst figures for industrial injury and deaths. Official figures for this are impossible to find.
- Air pollution in the largest cities is a serious problem. Rapid economic growth threatens air quality in many areas, including Beijing.
- Levels of smoking have boomed in recent years. Experts from the WHO predict a crisis in future decades from cancer and other tobacco related illnesses.
- The new rich have more access to expensive treatments and to treatment abroad.
- HIV and the spread of the disease in rural areas.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

(b)

Candidates are required to detect exaggeration and provide explanations.
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Award 1 mark for each correct statement identified.

Award 1 mark for each correct reason.

The correct responses are:

Statement 1

“Protests about human rights only took place in London.”

Reason 1

This statement is exaggerated because April 2008 tells us that protests also took place in San Francisco, New Delhi and Canberra.

Statement 2

“Reporters were given greater freedom during the Olympics.”

Reason 2

This statement is exaggerated because in August 2008 the source tells us that many Internet sites were blocked to reporters.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

- (c)

The concept being assessed is Ideology. Candidates are required to provide detailed descriptions.

Award up to 3 marks for a description, depending on quality, relevance, accuracy and level of description.

Two ways are required for full marks.

Award a maximum of 3 marks if no Chinese example is given.

Answers may include:

- Those working for foreign companies will have higher incomes and be able to enjoy access to better housing, education, health care etc. Many Chinese people now have access to consumer goods such as PCs, mobile phones, cars etc.
- Chinese people are allowed to start a business and keep the profit ie 'Socialist Market Economy'. This has been especially common in the 'Special Economic Zones'.
- Small township enterprises have improved living conditions in rural areas.
- Many companies producing manufactured goods for export have expanded rapidly. China is known as the 'workshop of the world'.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (d)

Candidates are required to provide evidence to support and oppose a given point of view.
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Award 2 marks for each piece of evidence, depending on the quality of explanation.

Two pieces of evidence are required for full marks. Both sentences in the view must be dealt with for full marks.

Answers which do not make an explicit link between the view and the sources should be awarded a maximum of 2 marks.

Answers may include:

Support the view

Li Yifan says “China has the lowest percentage of its population living below the poverty line”.

Evidence to support

This is true as China Today shows that China has only 10% living below the poverty line compared to 12% in USA and 25% in India.

Oppose the view

Li Yifan says, “there has been a continuous increase in the average income of people in China”.

Evidence to oppose

Average income increased from just over \$4000 in 2002 to over \$6000 in 2006 however it then fell to around \$5000 in 2008. The increase was not continuous.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

SYLLABUS AREA 4 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

QUESTION 4

- (a)

The concept being assessed is Need. Candidates are required to provide detailed reasons.
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Award up to 3 marks for a description depending on the quality of description, relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification.

Answers may include:

- The idea of collective security.
- Sharing research and development costs of new weapons etc eg Euro-fighter or missile defence.
- Protection from terrorism.
- Protection from growing Russian aggression.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (b)

Candidates are required to express support for a personal point of view with valid reasons.

Award up to 2 marks for each piece of evidence depending on quality of explanation and the justification used.

Two pieces of evidence are required for full marks.

Answers that do not make an explicit link between the project and the information on SCOTAID should be awarded a maximum of 2 marks.

The correct responses are:

For Project A – School bus in Chomba

- Fifty extra children could go to school, thus improving education for young people.
- Medical supplies could be brought in from the city, helping to improve basic health care.

For Project B – Community Centre in Soppo

- The new nursery would help improve childcare in Cameroon.
- The ten wind-up laptops will help improve education for young people.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

- (c)

The concept being assessed is Power. Candidates are required to provide descriptions.

Award up to 3 marks for a description depending on relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification.

Answers may include:

- Rich countries can be selective about which poor countries they give aid to, depending on the natural resources they expect to receive in return.
- Poor countries encouraged to grow cash crops that the rich world needs.
- Poor countries are still in debt to rich countries and may feel under an obligation.
- The price of basic agricultural produce is largely determined by the rich world.
- Poor countries may feel pressurised to support aid donors in forums such as the UN.
- Military aid can be used as a lever for economic or political support and cooperation.

Any other valid point.

Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (d)

Candidates are required to make comparisons within a source and draw valid conclusions.

Award up to 2 marks for a conclusion depending on the quality of the evidence and explanation.

The correct responses are:

- The UK has had the biggest change in oil production increasing by 270 000 barrels per day between 2005 and 2008.
- As oil production has risen, a country's oil imports have fallen. This is true for three of the four countries eg UK Germany and Poland. Production and imports in France have remained the same.

Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

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