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TUESDAY, 22 MAY
9.00 AM – 10.30 AM

MODERN STUDIES
HIGHER
Paper 1

Candidates should answer **FOUR** questions:

- **ONE** from Section A
and
- **ONE** from Section B
and
- **ONE** from Section C
and
- **ONE OTHER** from **EITHER** Section A **OR** Section C

Section A: Political Issues in the United Kingdom.

Section B: Social Issues in the United Kingdom.

Section C: International Issues.

Each question is worth 15 marks.



SECTION A—Political Issues in the United Kingdom

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STUDY THEME 1A: DEVOLVED DECISION MAKING IN SCOTLAND

Question A1

The distribution of reserved and devolved powers means that the most important decisions for Scotland continue to be made at Westminster.

Discuss.

STUDY THEME 1B: DECISION MAKING IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Question A2

To what extent can Parliament control the powers of the Prime Minister?

*STUDY THEME 1C: POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEIR POLICIES
(INCLUDING THE SCOTTISH DIMENSION)*

Question A3

Assess the importance of party unity in achieving electoral success.

*STUDY THEME 1D: ELECTORAL SYSTEMS, VOTING AND POLITICAL
ATTITUDES*

Question A4

The Additional Member System gives voters more choice and better representation than does First Past The Post.

Discuss.

SECTION B — Social Issues in the United Kingdom

Each question is worth 15 marks

*STUDY THEME 2: WEALTH AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN
THE UNITED KINGDOM*

EITHER

Question B5

To what extent are the founding principles of the Welfare State being met?

OR

Question B6

To what extent do social and economic inequalities continue to exist in the UK?

[Turn over

SECTION C — International Issues

Each question is worth 15 marks

STUDY THEME 3A: THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Question C7

Its political system has all the features of a democracy but South Africa has become a one party state.

Discuss.

STUDY THEME 3B: THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Question C8

Critically examine the effects of social and economic reform in China.

STUDY THEME 3C: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Question C9

To what extent do ethnic minorities influence the outcome of elections in the USA?

STUDY THEME 3D: THE EUROPEAN UNION

Question C10

To what extent is there agreement amongst member states on EU social and economic policies?

STUDY THEME 3E: THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Question C11

With reference to specific African countries (excluding the Republic of South Africa):

Foreign aid alone is no guarantee of development.

Discuss.

STUDY THEME 3F: GLOBAL SECURITY

Question C12

Examine the effectiveness of international responses to threats to global security.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]