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NATIONAL TUESDAY, 29 APRIL
QUALIFICATIONS 9.00 AM – 10.30 AM
2014

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

Each question is worth 15 marks

STUDY THEME 1A: DEVOLVED DECISION MAKING IN SCOTLAND

Question A1

To what extent are Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) effective in holding the Scottish Government to account?

STUDY THEME 1B: DECISION MAKING IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Question A2

Assess the effectiveness of pressure groups in influencing decision making in Central Government.

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

Question A3

There are few policy differences between the main political parties.

Discuss.

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

Question A4

The Single Transferable Vote (STV) provides for fairer representation than 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 does the Welfare State continue to meet its aims?

OR

Question B6

Critically examine the view that government in the UK has failed to reduce gender **and/or** race inequalities.

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SECTION C—International Issues

Each question is worth 15 marks

STUDY THEME 3A: THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Question C7

Critically examine the view that inequalities are greater within racial groups than between racial groups.

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

Question C8

Critically examine the view that economic success is benefiting all of the people of China.

STUDY THEME 3C: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Question C9

To what extent has immigration benefited the USA in recent years?

STUDY THEME 3D: THE EUROPEAN UNION

Question C10

To what extent has there been agreement between European Union members over reform of the Common Agricultural and Fisheries policies?

STUDY THEME 3E: THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Question C11

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

Trade is more important than foreign aid in promoting development in Africa.

Discuss.

STUDY THEME 3F: GLOBAL SECURITY

Question C12

Critically examine the view that NATO has an important part to play in achieving international peace and security.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]