



**2012 Modern Studies**

**Standard Grade General**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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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 is Representation. 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:

**Describe one way in which an MSP can find out about problems in their constituency.**

- Meeting with constituents at a surgery.
- Reading local newspapers.
- Receiving letters or e-mails from constituents.
- Attend local meetings.

Any other valid point

**Describe one action an MSP can take to help solve these problems.**

- Write a letter on behalf of the constituent.
- Ask questions, or have a debate in the Scottish Parliament.
- Put forward a new law to solve the problem.
- Bring it up at a committee meeting.

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 the evidence and explanation.

The correct responses are:

- Source 1 shows that the Economy is the issue which people think is the most important. 37% of people said that it was the most important issue, compared to only 18% for Health Care.
- Source 2 shows that the Labour Party has the biggest change in support as voters get older. Their support falls by 17% compared to the Liberal Democrats whose support increases, but only by 9%.

**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 pressure groups.
- To find out about pressure groups in Britain.

The following receive 1 mark

- To find out the aims of a pressure group.
- To find out the methods used by a pressure group.
- To find out the laws which pressure groups in Britain must obey when protesting.
- To find out the views of the public about a pressure group.

Any other valid point

### **Enquiry Skills, 2 marks available**

- (d) Candidates are required to give advantages and disadvantages of a method of enquiry for an investigation.

Award 1 mark for a valid description. For full credit, both advantages and disadvantages must be considered.

The following are worth 1 mark.

#### **Advantages**

- The local newspaper should have plenty of examples of local pressure groups working on behalf of local people.
- The articles may have important information about what people think about the job that the pressure groups are doing. This could be either good or bad.

#### **Disadvantages**

- It might take a long time to look through them.
- Some of the information may be out of date if it is from two years ago.

Any other valid points

### **Enquiry Skills, 2 marks available**

- (e) 

Candidates are required to state and justify an appropriate method of enquiry.
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Award 1 mark for each way correctly identified.

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

The correct responses are:

**Way 1:** Meeting in Inverdee Town Hall

- By being at the meeting you can hear all different views on what KISS is doing.
- You can ask questions.

**Way 2:** Address of KISS

- As you have the address and the name of the Chairman, you can write a letter to the pressure group asking questions which you have prepared.

**Way 3:** Website address

- You can go to the website address and obtain information from it.

Any other relevant point

**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 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:

- Stairs can be very steep. Without a banister or stair lift, mobility needs are not being met.
- Sockets are placed low down which makes them difficult to reach for older people.
- Taps and/or handles cannot be turned on as they are not long enough.
- Bathroom causes many problems eg bath cannot be entered without difficulty, toilet too low for ease of use.
- House may be too large for security, heating, council tax costs.

Any other valid point

**Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available**

(b)

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

Award 1 mark for each correct way identified.

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

Answers may include:

### **Robots**

- Now do much of the manufacturing work.
- Car plants used to rely on labour.
- Jobs often now managing machines or dealing with quality control.
- Workplaces less dangerous.

### **ICT**

- Home working means many people able to cut down on commuting.
- Growing number of people choose to work from home due to flexibility eg can ease the burden of childcare.
- New technology means that documents can be sent electronically using secure connection.
- Video conferencing.

### **Hi-tech offices**

- Offices are now less paper based as documents stored on computer.
- No longer need large print rooms as individual printers and/or photocopiers used.

Any other valid point

**Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available**

- (c) 

Candidates are required to express support for a personal point of view with valid reasons.
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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 Gleninch Council and the chosen project should be awarded a maximum of 2 marks.

The correct responses are:

**For Project A**

- Meets the need to improve ICT skills by teaching parents.
- Free Nursery places which meets the need for childcare to allow parents to concentrate on learning their new skills.

**For Project B**

- An allowance provided to meet nursery costs which meets childcare needs.
- Aiming to help parents with interview techniques which was identified as a need.

**Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available**

- (d) 

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:

**Oppose the view:**

Zain Akram says, "Since 2005, Glenrothes has always had the highest rate of JSA claims."

**Evidence to oppose:**

- This is incorrect as in Source 2 it shows that in 2007, Dundee West had a higher rate of people claiming JSA – 3.8% compared to 3.6% in Glenrothes.

**Oppose the view:**

Zain Akram says, "Despite the recession, young people are just as likely to be in work as older people."

**Evidence to oppose:**

- This is incorrect, as in Source 1 it shows that almost 8% of 18-24 year olds were out of work compared to only 3% of 50 year olds.
- This is incorrect as in Source 1 it says that in 2010 the unemployment rate among 25 year olds was more than double that of any other group.

**Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available**

## **SYLLABUS AREA 3 – IDEOLOGIES**

### **QUESTION 3(A) – 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 register to vote in local, state and presidential elections. They can also vote in the primaries.
- Americans can stand for election to become President, although this is very expensive.
- Americans can support a candidate by raising money, displaying bumper stickers on their cars or posters in their windows.
- Americans can join one of the main parties and become part of a campaign team and perhaps help hand out leaflets or canvass neighbourhoods.
- Americans can show their support by attending election rallies or public meetings.
- Americans can participate through the media eg TV/Radio shows, internet blogs, writing letters to newspapers such as the Washington Post or the New York Times.

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**

“Texas and Florida are the two states with the highest numbers of people without health insurance.”

**Reason 1**

Source 1 shows that the two states with the highest numbers of people without health insurance are actually Texas (6.6 million) and California (7.3 million).

**Statement 2**

“Obama’s health care reforms mean increased costs for American families.”

**Reason 2**

Source 2 states that, “President Obama, working with Congress, passed a new health law that brought down health care costs for American families and small businesses.”

**Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available**

- (c) 

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

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

Answers may include:

- Some “ghetto schools” may have a gang/violence problem which limits ability to learn in school and so leads to a crime culture.
- Some minority groups may have no choice but to live in poor quality housing such as the projects, eg Robert Taylor homes in Chicago or the Marcy Projects in New York. Less affluent areas are characterised by poverty and crime.
- In some ghetto areas there are few successful role models. The wealthiest person in the neighbourhood may be a gang member or criminal.
- The welfare system in the USA is not overly generous and many groups such as the unemployed and lone parent families have to rely on it, leading to poverty. This situation can be a breeding ground for crime.

Any other valid point

**Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available**

- (d) 

Candidates are required to provide evidence to both 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.

No marks should be awarded for identifying whether or not a statement should be supported or opposed.

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:

**Oppose the view**

Audrey Hunter says, "Most people think the USA is the world's leading economic power."

**Evidence to oppose**

Source 2 shows that in 2010 over 40% of those asked, believed that China was the world's leading economic power and not the USA. The USA's figure was less than 40%.

**Support the view**

Audrey Hunter says, "The USA continues to attract Chinese graduates looking for a better life."

**Evidence to support**

Source 1 supports the professor by saying, "The USA is still the number one choice of Chinese graduates searching for a better job with higher pay."

**Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available**

### QUESTION 3(B) – CHINA

- (a) The concept being assessed is Participation. 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 Chinese example is given.

Answers may include:

- Protest with permission in the street eg ‘protest zones’ set up in parks during 2008 Olympics.
- Worker and farmer demonstrations about job losses.
- Voting in local elections for village councils in the countryside.
- Voting for the local people’s congress and then those elected voting for the national people’s congress.
- Elections in Hong Kong.

Any other valid point

### Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available

- (b) Candidates are required to detect exaggeration and provide explanations.

Award 1 mark for each correct statement identified.

Award 1 mark for each correct reason.

The correct responses are:

#### Statement 1

“Those living in towns are more concerned about medical costs than those in the countryside.”

#### Reason 1

In Source 2, it shows that in the countryside, 76% are worried whilst only 58% are worried in towns.

#### Statement 2

“Most Chinese people are worried about paying for their children’s education.”

#### Reason 2

In Source 1, it shows that 59% of Chinese people, which is more than half, are not worried about paying for their children’s education.

### Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available

- (c) 

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

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

Answers may include:

- Higher wages are paid in the cities which can have an effect on type and quality of housing.
- Level of education and literacy is lower in rural areas and therefore income is lower where people are employed in farming. Difficult to access higher education in rural areas. Again, possibly having an effect on housing.
- People in cities have basic amenities like running water and gas which are still absent in many rural areas.

- 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.

No marks should be awarded for identifying whether or not a statement should be supported or opposed.

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:

**Oppose the view**

Professor Zhang says, “Most people think that China has always been the leading economic power in the world.”

**Evidence to oppose**

Source 2 shows that in 2006 the leading power was the USA. China was the leading power in 2008 and 2010.

**Support the view**

Professor Zhang says, “Many Chinese graduates still leave China in search of more highly paid jobs abroad.”

**Evidence to support**

Source 1 supports the professor by saying, “University graduates have gone abroad in search of a better job with higher pay.”

**Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available**

## **SYLLABUS AREA 4 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **QUESTION 4**

- (a) 

The concept being assessed is Power. Candidates are required to provide detailed reasons.
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Award up to 3 marks for a reason depending on the quality of description, relevance, accuracy and level of exemplification as to how a country might benefit from joining the EU.

Answers may include:

- Co-operation between member states eg 2010 Irish financial crisis or Greek financial crisis in 2011.
- Regional Aid bringing investment and jobs eg infrastructure in the Highlands and Islands.
- Freedom of movement eg large numbers of Scots now working in Belgium.
- Educational qualifications recognised so people can work or study in all EU member countries.
- Larger market for products manufactured in their country ie improved trade.

Any other valid point

**Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available**

(b)

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

Award 1 mark for each correct way identified.

A maximum of 2 marks should be awarded for identification.

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

Answers may include:

### **Types of aid that can help meet the needs of some people in Africa**

- Clean water supply
- Education programmes
- Solar panels
- Improved sanitation
- Improved farming
- Immunisation programmes

Any other valid point

### **Why it meets their needs**

#### **Clean water supply**

- Means that dangerous illnesses such as pneumonia or malaria cannot be caught from the drinking water. This is especially important for babies and young children who can be badly affected by diarrhoea.

#### **Educational programmes**

- Means that children can learn to read and write. Education is the first step to a better lifestyle.

#### **Solar panels**

- Means that families can get some electric light instead of using candles or dangerous oil lamps.

#### **Improved sanitation**

- Means that diseases like cholera are not so easily spread and people are healthier.

#### **Improved farming**

- Means that more and better crops are grown. This helps to stop hunger and allows children to be healthier than they might be.

#### **Immunisation programmes**

- Means that young children do not die, from common diseases like measles.

Any other valid point

### **Knowledge and Understanding, 4 marks available**

- (c) 

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, "The drought in Somalia is the worst for 10 years and is destroying local farming."

**however,**

Source 2 says, "Food imports are destroying local farming as they force Somalis to depend on foreign food."

**Difference 2**

Source 1 says, "Newly qualified doctors in Somalia are already making a big difference in improving the health of the people."

**however,**

Source 2 says, "So many (student doctors) have left for jobs overseas that health care has not improved".

**Enquiry Skills, 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**

“Afghanistan has been given very little international aid to help it rebuild cities destroyed by warfare.”

**Reason 1**

The timeline shows that in 2006, “International donors promise more than £5.7 billion in reconstruction aid over 5 years.”

**Statement 2**

“Unfortunately, Afghanistan has made no improvements in democracy in the country.”

**Reason 2**

The timeline shows that in 2005, “The first parliamentary elections in more than 30 years are held.”

**Enquiry Skills, 4 marks available**

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