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**X849/76/11**

**Modern Studies  
Paper 1**

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

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**Total marks — 52**

**SECTION 1 — DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 marks**

Attempt **ONE** question from 1(a) **OR** 1(b) **OR** 1(c).

**SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 12 marks**

Part A Social inequality

Part B Crime and the law

Attempt **ONE** question from 2(a) **OR** 2(b) **OR** 2(c) **OR** 2(d).

**SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 20 marks**

Part C World powers

Part D World issues

Attempt **ONE** question from 3(a) **OR** 3(b) **OR** 3(c) **OR** 3(d).

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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**SECTION 1 — DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 marks**Attempt **ONE** question from 1(a) OR 1(b) OR 1(c)**Question 1**

- (a) Parliamentary representatives are effective in holding the government to account.

Discuss.

You should refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both in your answer.

**20****OR**

- (b) Voting systems used in the UK have many strengths.

Discuss.

You should refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both in your answer.

**20****OR**

- (c) Pressure groups have varying levels of influence on government decision-making in the UK.

Discuss.

You should refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both in your answer.

**20****[Now go to SECTION 2 on page 03]**

**SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 12 marks**Attempt **ONE** question from 2(a) OR 2(b) OR 2(c) OR 2(d)**Question 2****Part A: Social inequality**

Answers may refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both.

- (a) Analyse the causes of income and wealth inequalities. 12

**OR**

- (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of collectivist approaches to tackling social and economic inequality. 12

**OR****Part B: Crime and the law**

Answers may refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both.

- (c) Analyse the causes of crime. 12

**OR**

- (d) Evaluate the impact of crime on wider society. 12

**[Now go to SECTION 3 on page 04]**

**SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 20 marks**  
Attempt **ONE** question from 3(a) OR 3(b) OR 3(c) OR 3(d)

**Question 3**

**Part C: World powers**

With reference to a world power you have studied

- (a) to what extent do opportunities exist for citizens to effectively influence the actions of their government? **20**

**OR**

- (b) to what extent have government responses been successful in tackling socio-economic inequality? **20**

**OR**

**Part D: World issues**

With reference to a world issue you have studied

- (c) to what extent are some factors which cause the issue more important than others? **20**

**OR**

- (d) to what extent have international organisations been effective in tackling the issue? **20**

**[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**