



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Citizenship Studies

## CIST2

### Unit 2 Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

Thursday 31 January 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book
- your Active Citizenship Profile.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is CIST2.
- Answer **seven** questions.  
In Section A, answer Questions 

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 and **either** Question 

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**or** Question 

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- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.

### Section A Making a Difference

Answer Questions **0 1** and **0 2** and **either** Question **0 3** **or** Question **0 4** .

This section carries 30 marks.

Read the passage below and answer Questions **0 1** and **0 2** which follow.

#### Media ownership in the UK in 2012

In the UK, a large section of our media is owned by a small number of companies. Many have cross-media interests, where they own different media formats, eg newspapers, magazines, radio stations and television companies. Some of these companies also have media interests outside the UK.

Rupert Murdoch, an American citizen, and his News International company own The Sun, The Times, The Sunday Times and also 39% of BSkyB, the satellite television company. BSkyB also has a large holding in ITV plc.

Richard Desmond owns OK! magazine, Channel 5, the Daily Express and the Daily Star. The Independent and London Evening Standard are owned by a Russian business.

The Daily Mail and General Trust owns the Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday, Ireland on Sunday and The Metro. The Trust also owns a large proportion of the country's regional media and has shares in ITN.

Your answers should refer to the passage as appropriate, but you should also include other relevant information.

**0 1** Identify **three** ways in which the BBC differs from the media mentioned in the source. (5 marks)

**0 2** 'Media ownership in the UK is concentrated in the hands of a few companies.'  
Examine why citizens should be concerned about this issue. (10 marks)

#### EITHER

**0 3** The origins of the economic crisis have been blamed upon the financial sector and the banks. Critically examine the role of government in attempting to resolve the issues raised by the crisis. (15 marks)

#### OR

**0 4** Make a case for local councils delivering more of the services currently provided by central government. (15 marks)

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**Section B Active Citizenship**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

You should refer to your Active Citizenship Profile when answering questions in this section.

This section carries 60 marks.

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**0 5** Outline how you developed a citizenship skill in relation to your own active citizenship participation. (5 marks)

**0 6** If your school or college were to organise an Active Citizenship day for all post-16 students, what events would you suggest should form part of the day? Justify your choices. (15 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Question **0 7** which follows.

**Student Protests – November 2010**

A demonstration against the rise in tuition fees by tens of thousands of students and lecturers descended into violence today, when a group of protesters smashed their way into the headquarters of the Conservative Party. Rocks, wooden banners, eggs, rotten fruit and shards of glass were thrown at police officers. The police were trying to beat back the crowd with batons and riot shields.

Source: adapted from the *Daily Telegraph*, 10 November 2010

**0 7** If you were advising these protesters about how to achieve their aims, what forms of responsible action would you recommend? Justify your recommendations. (15 marks)

**0 8** Why is it important, in a democratic society, to encourage active citizenship? (25 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

**There are no questions printed on this page**

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