



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2013

Citizenship Studies

CIST2

Unit 2 Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

Friday 17 May 2013 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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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In Section B, answer **all** questions.

- 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.

Council makes decisions about cuts

Following a cut in its central government grant, the Council last night decided to implement a wide range of cuts to its services. The cuts will mean that the charges for many services for the elderly and those in need will increase, some council facilities will be closed and others will open for a reduced number of hours.

The Leader of the Opposition on the Council, Councillor Eric Wright, stated that these cuts would impact on the lives of the most vulnerable. He encouraged local people to make their views known by voting at the next local council elections.

The Council deferred a decision about raising car parking charges after receiving a petition from local shopkeepers stating that increased charges would only encourage shoppers to go to out-of-town shopping centres.

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

0 1 Briefly outline **three** services provided by local councils in the UK. (5 marks)

0 2 Why do so few people vote in local council elections? (10 marks)

EITHER

0 3 'High unemployment is a price worth paying to help the UK's economic recovery.'
Make a case for **or** against this point of view. (15 marks)

OR

0 4 Critically assess the case for **and** against state regulation of the press. (15 marks)

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.

0 5 You are organising a classroom debate dealing with a controversial issue. Briefly outline **three** guidelines you would give the class before the start of the debate. (5 marks)

0 6 Active Citizenship involves trying to make a difference. Critically assess any task you have undertaken, explaining why it either succeeded, or failed to make a difference. (15 marks)

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

Internet campaign saves the forests

The public revolt against the attempt to sell off England's forests has surprised the government. The revolt is growing phenomenally fast: almost half a million people have signed an e-petition rejecting the sell-off, the number of signatures doubling in little more than a week. About 80 000 people have emailed their MPs, and only one of the government backbenchers who spoke in the House of Commons debate on the subject backed the plans.

Source: adapted from the *Daily Telegraph*, 4 February 2011

0 7 What are the advantages **and** disadvantages of internet-based campaigning? Refer to examples in your answer. (15 marks)

0 8 The government is training community organisers to work with local communities to help local citizens to get more involved in community activities.

Critically assess the advantages **and** disadvantages of encouraging community volunteering. (25 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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