



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Citizenship Studies

**CIST2**

### Unit 2 Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

**Tuesday 7 June 2011 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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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.

Study the table below and answer Questions **0 1** and **0 2** which follow.

General election results						
	2001		2005		2010	
	MPs	% vote	MPs	% vote	MPs	% vote
Labour	413	40.7	355	35.2	258	29.0
Conservative	166	31.7	198	32.4	307	36.1
Liberal Democrat	52	18.3	62	22.0	57	23.0
% Turnout of voters	59.4		61.4		65.1	

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

**0 1** Briefly explain how a government is formed in the UK after a general election. Refer to the table in your answer. (5 marks)

**0 2** Examine the claim that we need to change the way in which we elect MPs in the UK. (10 marks)

### EITHER

**0 3** Assess why some pressure groups in the UK are more influential than others. (15 marks)

### OR

**0 4** 'The government should provide fewer services for its citizens.' Present a case **either** for **or** against this point of view. (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 briefly how you would undertake research into a citizenship topic, in preparation for giving a talk to Year 8 students. (5 marks)

**0 | 6** Referring to your own active citizenship work, assess how effective you have been in persuading others of your point of view. (15 marks)

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

**A Prime Minister's view**

"A free media is a vital part of a free society. You only need to look at where such a free media is absent to know this truth.

It is sometimes said that the media is accountable daily through the choice of readers and viewers. That is true up to a point. But the reality is that the viewers or readers have no objective yardstick to measure what they are being told.

So it is true that politicians are accountable through the ballot box every few years. But they are also profoundly accountable daily, through the media, which is why a free press is so important."  
*Tony Blair, 12 June 2007*

Source: adapted from [www.telegraph.co.uk/news](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news)

**0 | 7** 'The media has too much influence over our political system.' Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**0 | 8** Critically assess the view that the individual citizen is powerless to bring about change in the UK. Use case studies to support your argument. (25 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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

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