

GCSE CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

Paper 1

Specimen Question Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 mins

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a pen.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions on the spaces provided. Do **not** write on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.


Information


- The marks for questions are shown in brackets
- The total number of marks available for this paper is 80.

Advice

For the multiple-choice questions, completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

CORRECT METHOD  WRONG METHODS    

If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown. 

If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown. 

Please write clearly, in block capitals, to allow character computer recognition.

Centre number Candidate number

Surname

Forename(s)

Candidate signature _____

Section A

Active citizenship

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 1 **Investigating the action of others.**

0 1 . **1** What is a pressure group?

[1 mark]

0 1 . **2** What is meant by the term 'lobbying'?

[1 mark]

0 1 . **3** Identify **two** ways in which a pressure group differs from a political party.

[2 marks]

1: _____

2: _____

0 1 . **4** Using an example, explain what is meant by the term 'advocacy'.

[2 marks]

0 1 . **5** Using an example, explain **one** of the functions of a Trade Union.

[2 marks]

Question 1 continues on the next page

0 1 . 6 Source A

Million mask march



The Million mask march was organised on the internet by Anonymous, an ill-defined group without a formal structure. They arranged the march in London, to hit back at austerity measures and inequality in society. Others joined the march to campaign about diverse issues such as poverty, homelessness, animal welfare issues and human rights.

Some of the protesters tried to enter Great George Street - a short distance from Conservative Party headquarters which had been closed off. This led to some violent scuffles and the police made some arrests.

One Million mask activist, who gave her name as Lola, said, "The media will twist what has happened. We are peaceful, we are doing this in a peaceful manner, but the media focus will be on the 1% who caused the trouble with the police."

0 2

Your Investigation

State your investigation's issue / question below.

0 2

. **1**

Explain how **either** one primary **or** one secondary source assisted in regard to your investigation.

[2 marks]

0 2

. **2**

Discuss which part of the whole investigation process you consider was the most successful and why.

[4 marks]

Section B**Politics and participation**Answer **all** questions

0 3 . **1** What is a referendum?Shade in the **one** correct answer.**[1 mark]**

- A** When citizens are asked to vote on an issue
- B** When citizens can propose new laws
- C** When citizens can remove an MP whom they no longer support
- D** When citizens 'write in' candidates' names on a ballot paper

0 3 . **2** Identify two situations in which a referendum might be used.**[2 marks]**1.

_____2.

0 3 **3** **Source B**

Constitutions

Gun crime in the USA is far higher than in most other developed countries including the UK. Many observers feel that this is related to the right 'to bear arms', given to US citizens in the US written constitution which was created in 1787. President Obama has been unable to change the laws on gun ownership as there are many US citizens who feel it is their right under the constitution.

Amending laws in the USA is very difficult as the President needs to get the agreement of a majority in Congress to pass any changes to the existing law. At present the President's party does not have a majority in Congress.

The President also faces the problem that each US state has different rules and laws about gun ownership. If he wanted to amend the constitution about the right 'to bear arms', he would face obstacles in each US state they have the power to decide about changes to the US Constitution.

0 3 . **3** Using **Source B**, consider **two** reasons why the British constitution makes it easier for elected UK politicians to bring about changes affecting citizens' rights than for the US President.

[4 marks]

Reason 1:

Reason 2:

Turn over for next question

0 4 . **1** What is the title usually given to someone elected at a local government election in England?

[1 mark]

Shade in the **one** correct answer.

A Councillor

B MP

C MSP

D Secretary of State

0 4 . **2** Name **two** services provided by local government in England.

[2 marks]

Service 1:

Service 2:

0 4**Source C****Influencing Local Government**

A planning decision about building a new supermarket in rural Dorset will shortly be discussed by the local District Council.

Concern has been expressed by local citizens living nearby about the impact of the development upon the local village community.

Two public meetings have already been held in the village where large numbers of villagers have complained to the Council about the proposal. Many feel that just complaining to the Council is not enough and want to take more action and involve others who may disagree with the development.

The development is adjacent to an RSPB nature reserve, and the National Trust own farmland that the developers will need to acquire.

The local newspaper has already printed several letters from residents opposed to the plans.

The issue could become very political, as local District Council elections will be held in the area in the next few months.

0 4 . **3**

Referring to **Source C** consider what **two** methods you would suggest the local residents take to help them stop the proposed development?

[4 marks]

Method 1:

Method 2:

Turn over for the next question

0 5 . **1** The UK Prime Minister is also **two** of the following:

Shade **two** correct responses.

[2 marks]

- A** Constituency MP
- B** Black Rod
- C** Head of State
- D** Speaker of the House of Commons
- E** Chairman of the Cabinet
- F** Mayor of London

0 5 . **2** Which of the following **two** jobs do civil servants undertake?

Shade **two** correct responses.

[2 marks]

- A** High Court judge
- B** Advising ministers on government policy
- C** Cabinet Secretary
- D** Local Councillor
- E** Government Chief Whip
- F** Junior Minister

0 5

Source D

Proportional Representation

The information below shows the outcome of a General Election in the United Kingdom using the “First Past the Post system”.

Party	MP's elected	Share of the National Vote (%)
Conservative	310	40
Labour	240	35
Liberal Democrats	20	20
Others	30	5
Total	600	

The Leader of the Conservative Party declared a resounding victory after getting an overall majority of 20 seats. The First Past the Post electoral system, he stated, has again produced a strong one party government.

0 5 . **3**

Describe the impact on the result and formation of the next government if the election shown in Source D had been held using a Proportional System of voting?

[4 marks]

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