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**X849/76/11**

**Modern Studies  
Paper 1**

FRIDAY, 23 MAY

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 — 20 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 — 12 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) To what extent do views differ about the most effective way to govern Scotland?  
You should refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both in your answer. 20

OR

- (b) To what extent can it be successfully argued that Brexit has not been beneficial to the UK?  
You should refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both in your answer. 20

OR

- (c) To what extent can UK voting behaviour be fully explained by the age of voters?  
You should refer to Scotland or the United Kingdom or both in your answer. 20

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**SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM — 20 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) Some factors are more important than others in causing health inequalities.

Discuss.

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OR

- (b) Government measures have failed to reduce inequalities.

Discuss.

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OR

**Part B: Crime and the law**

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

- (c) Criminals are not born, they are created by the society in which they live.

Discuss.

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OR

- (d) The most significant impact of crime on wider society is economic rather than social.

Discuss.

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**SECTION 3 — INTERNATIONAL ISSUES — 12 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) analyse the ability of one branch of government or political institution to dominate government decision-making. **12**

**OR**

- (b) evaluate the government's success in responding to socio-economic inequalities. **12**

**OR**

**Part D: World issues**

With reference to a world issue you have studied

- (c) analyse the effects of the issue on the wider international community. **12**

**OR**

- (d) evaluate the success of individual countries in responding to the issue. **12**

**[END OF QUESTION PAPER]**