

GCSE Citizenship

Paper 1

What's assessed

- Section A: Active citizenship
- Section B: Politics and participation

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

Questions

- Section A: Active citizenship questions: questions on the citizenship action of others and questions on the students taking
- Citizenship action investigation (40 marks)
- Section B: Politics and participation question (40 marks)
- Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer

Section A:

Citizenship action – the actions of others
The investigation: taking citizenship action

Section B:

Where does political power reside in the UK and how is it controlled?

What are the powers of local and devolved government and how can citizens participate? Where does political power reside: with the citizen, parliament or government? How do others govern themselves? How can citizens try to bring about political change?

Paper 2

What's assessed

- Section A: Life in modern Britain
- Section B: Rights and responsibilities

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

Questions

- Section A: Life in modern Britain questions (40 marks)
- Section B: Rights and responsibilities questions (40 marks)
- Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer

Section A:

What are the principles and values that underpin British society?

What do we mean by identity?

What is the role of the media and the free press? What is the UK's role in key international organisations?

How can citizens make their voice heard and make a difference in society?

Section B:

What laws does a society require and why? What are a citizen's rights and responsibilities within the legal system?

How has the law developed over time, and how does the law protect the citizen and deal with criminals?

What are the universal human rights and how do we protect them?

How do citizens play a part to bring about change in the legal system?

Assessment objective weightings for GCSE Citizenship Studies			
Assessment objectives	Component weightings	Component weightings	Overall Weighting (approx
(AOs)	(approx %) Paper 1	(approx %) Paper 2	%)
A01	15	15	30
AO2	15	15	30
AO3	20	20	40
Overall weighting of	50	50	100
components			

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms, and issues.

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues to contexts and actions.

AO3: Analyse and evaluate a range of evidence relating to citizenship issues, debates and actions, including different