

Advance Information for Summer 2022

GCSE (9–1)

Citizenship Studies

J270

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Information

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J270/02 – Citizenship in action

Section 1: Rights, the law and the legal system in England and Wales

Reference	Content
1.1 Rights and responsibilities	<p><i>Know, understand and analyse</i> the human, moral, legal and political rights, and the duties, equalities and freedoms of citizens.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the main provisions of: the UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights; the European Convention on Human Rights; the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 1998 Human Rights Act.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> their importance in protecting rights, equalities and freedoms.</p> <p><i>Know and understand</i> the right to representation including the role and history of trade unions and employee associations.</p> <p><i>Evaluate</i> the effectiveness of different organisations in supporting and representing their members.</p>
1.2 The law	<p><i>Understand</i> the fundamental principles of law to ensure rights and freedoms, maintain order and resolve conflicts.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the presumption of innocence and equality before the law.</p> <p><i>Know</i> different legal jurisdictions of the UK: Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.</p>
1.3 The legal system (England and Wales)	<p><i>Know and understand</i> the operation of the justice system: the role and powers of the police; the role and powers of the judiciary; the role of legal representatives; the different types of criminal and civil courts and how they work; tribunals and other means of civil dispute resolution.</p> <p><i>Know and understand</i> about the operation of the youth justice system.</p> <p><i>Know and understand</i> the responsibilities and roles of citizens in the legal system as a juror, magistrate, special constable, police commissioner and member of a tribunal hearing.</p> <p><i>Evaluate</i> the effectiveness of citizens' roles in the legal system.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the factors affecting crime rates in society.</p> <p><i>Evaluate</i> strategies to reduce crime.</p> <p><i>Know and understand</i> the nature and purpose of different sanctions for different criminal offences.</p> <p><i>Evaluate</i> the effect of different sanctions on law-breakers and their families, victims and their families, and wider society.</p>

Section 2: Democracy and government

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2.1 Democracy, elections and voting in the UK	<p><i>Know and understand</i> the concept of democracy.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the key features of democratic government including: regular and free elections; secret ballots; an inclusive franchise; a choice of candidates/ political parties.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the difference between classical democracy and representative democracy.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the different ways in which citizens can contribute to parliamentary democracy and hold those in power to account.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the importance of: the rule of law; personal freedom; tolerance and respect for diversity; and equal opportunity in creating conditions for effective democratic government as values underpinning democracy.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the major political parties operating in the UK.</p> <p><i>Know and understand</i> these parties' major philosophical and political differences.</p>
2.2 National, local, regional and devolved government	<p><i>Know</i> the role, structure and organisation of local, regional and devolved government in the UK.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the reasons for devolution and centralisation.</p>
2.3 British constitution	<p><i>Know</i> the separate but complementary roles of the executive, legislature, judiciary and the Monarchy in UK government and <i>understand</i> the differences between them.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the reasons why these roles are separated.</p>
2.4 The economy, finance and money	<p><i>Know</i> how public taxes are raised by local and national government.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the main areas of public expenditure for local and national government.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the relationships between taxation, administrative efficiency, economic growth and public spending.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> how governments take the above relationships and political factors into account to manage risk and make complex decisions about current and future public spending to ensure value for money.</p>

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2.6 Citizenship participation in the UK	<p><i>Know</i> the opportunities for citizen participation in UK democracy, including the National Citizen Service.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the different forms of action citizens can take to promote particular viewpoints and hold those in power to account including: joining an interest group; trade union or political party; standing for election; campaigning; lobbying; petitions and joining a demonstration.</p> <p><i>Analyse</i> the roles played by public institutions, public services, interest and pressure groups, trade unions, charities and voluntary groups in providing a voice for and support to different groups of citizens.</p>
2.7 Politics beyond the UK	<p><i>Know</i> the key differences between the nature and extent of citizens' political participation in the UK and one other democratic system.</p> <p>(Learners may choose one example from the following countries but may also select an example of their own with sufficient significant differences from the UK.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switzerland is a good example from the top end of the <i>Index of Democracy</i> rankings. • USA and France also offer interesting comparisons with the UK. • India provides an interesting comparison from the developing world.

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Section 3: The UK and the wider world

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1.1 Rights and responsibilities	<p><i>Know</i> the background to Magna Carta and its main provisions.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> the significance of Magna Carta in the development of rights.</p>
1.2 The law	<p><i>Understand</i> the fundamental principles of law to ensure rights and freedoms, maintain order and resolve conflicts.</p>
3.2 The UK and its relations with the wider world	<p><i>Know</i> that the UK is a member of international organisations including: the United Nations and its agencies; the Commonwealth.</p> <p><i>Know</i>, in outline, which other countries are members of these organisations, for example, know that most Commonwealth member nations are former British colonies and that the United Nations is composed of almost all the world's nations.</p> <p><i>Know</i> the aims of these organisations and <i>understand</i> why they were established.</p> <p><i>Understand</i> why the UK is a member of these organisations and <i>know</i>, in outline, the role played by the UK in each of them.</p> <p><i>Evaluate</i> how far the United Nations has fulfilled its aims.</p>

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