

National 5 Modern Studies

Overview of the course (3 units):

- **Democracy in Scotland**
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- **Social Issues:**
 - Crime and Law in the UK
- **International Issues:**
 - A study of a major world power / (China)



Democracy in Scotland

- Topics include:
- The study of representative democracy in Scotland
- The impact of voting systems and a range of factors which affect voting behaviour in Scotland.
- The ways in which citizens are informed about, participate in, and influence the political process in Scotland.

Crime and Law in the UK

- What is Crime.
- Types of Crime and how they are Recorded.
- Main Causes of Crime.
- The Impact of Crime
- How Crime is tackled.

International Issues: Study of a G20 country

China

- Political system and processes.
- Recent socio-economic issues.
- Evaluation of the government in tackling socio-economic issues.
- The role of the world power in international relations.



Course Assessment (two parts):

- Question Paper
- Assignment



Question Paper (worth 80 marks)

Three sections (Democracy, Crime & Law and Int. Issues) of 28,26,26 marks.

Time: 2 hours 20 minutes.

Externally marked by SQA.

Assignment (worth 20 marks)

Completed in class in 1 hour.

Externally marked by SQA.

Based on any Modern Studies issue.

Question Paper Structure

There are two main types of questions in N5 Mods

1. Knowledge and Understanding :

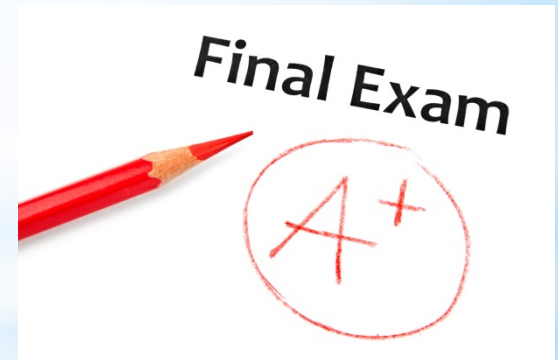
- Describe
- Explain

Questions with these command words will be worth 4,6, or 8 marks.

2. Skills questions

- Conclusion, To what extent Or
- Options questions.

Questions with these command words will be worth 8 or 10 marks.



N5 Mods Resources

- Core Unit booklets with practice questions and clear course content.
- You tube specific clips and revision aids for example Mr Marr's you tube page for N5 Mods. A range of suitable revision guides are available from Bright Red Publishing Hodder Gibson and Leckie and Leckie.
- PHS Mods Wiki with all the relevant unit and skills booklets.
- Pupils are welcome to drop into lunchtime sessions. This will aid consolidation of core course material and seek clarification on any homework issues.

Success in N5 Mods

Pupils are expected to complete both KU and Skills questions throughout the academic year. Homework will be given out on a regular basis throughout each unit.

Pupils will be given the opportunity to understand examiner mark schemes to further their knowledge of N5 standard.

Pupils will sit an end of unit test and this will reflect the types of questions asked in the Prelim and Final exam diet.

Pupils will be given advice on revision strategies to use and revision materials will be supplied before the Prelim and Final exam diet.



Added Value in National 5 Modern Studies

Overview

- Based on a Modern Studies issue. Candidate's own choice of topic.

Four parts:

- Stating Aims / Hypothesis, Evaluation of Research methods, Research Findings, Conclusions
- Production of evidence stage: ('write up'). Time 1 hour duration.
- Completed in school with supervision and minimum support.
- 20 marks.
- Externally marked by SQA.