Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – **there may be more space than you need**.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – **use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question**.
- Questions labelled with an *asterisk* (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – **you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression**.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Study the sources in the Sources Booklet.

Answer ALL questions.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ✗ If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ✗ and then mark your new answer with a cross ✗.

1. The Green Party (Source A) is an example of:
   - [ ] A an environmental charity
   - [ ] B a trade union
   - [ ] C a political party
   - [ ] D a pressure group
   
   (Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2. Using the information from Source A, which one of the following statements is false?
   - [ ] A The very richest people have doubled their wealth.
   - [ ] B The number in poverty has risen.
   - [ ] C Queues at food banks have shortened.
   - [ ] D Wealth tax would raise £21 billion.

   (Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3. According to Source B, the main aim of the website for the Breathe Clean Air Group is to:
   - [ ] A be strongly opposed to the Barton REP
   - [ ] B develop an industrial plant to process waste
   - [ ] C not belong to any other movements
   - [ ] D provide accurate information for the residents

   (Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4. Source C shows an example of an individual setting up a charity. A charity is an organisation that:
   - [ ] A is a large company or group of companies
   - [ ] B tries to get elected to office
   - [ ] C is owned and run by members who share the profits
   - [ ] D tries to help or raise money for those in need

   (Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)
5 Using Source D, which one of the following statements is an opinion?

☐ A  Our greatest strength is our reputation.
☐ B  People have been reading the Herts Advertiser for years.
☐ C  These sites can disappear at the click of a button.
☐ D  Surveys show people trust their local newspapers more.

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 Source E mentions international human rights. Which one of the following organisations developed international conventions on human rights?

☐ A  European Union
☐ B  United Nations
☐ C  British Commonwealth
☐ D  Amnesty International

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 Source E mentions different types of punishment. Which one of the following punishments is used in the UK justice system?

☐ A  Corporal punishment
☐ B  Life imprisonment
☐ C  Stoning to death
☐ D  Capital punishment

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)
8. Source A gives an example of a campaign for a policy.

Using your own knowledge, state three methods an individual could use to persuade a government to take action on an issue.

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(Total for Question 8 = 3 marks)

9. Give two reasons why a government might ignore a campaign to change the law.

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(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)
10 Using one example, explain what is meant by a pressure group.

Example

Explanation

(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 Source C describes how an individual has tried to prevent young people committing crimes.

(a) Using Source C, identify one reason why some young people may commit crimes.

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(b) Using your own knowledge, give two ways other than prison in which a young offender might be required by a court to repay society.

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(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)
12 (a) Using Source D, identify two reasons why people trust local newspapers.

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(b) Source D shows a local newspaper stating it has no political bias. Using your own knowledge, state two ways in which a newspaper article may show a biased point of view.

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(Total for Question 12 = 4 marks)
13 Source D refers to new forms of media such as blogging and websites.

Explain how new forms of media can be used to influence government decisions.

(Total for Question 13 = 6 marks)
Using Source C and your own knowledge, do you agree that an individual project can be more effective than a government scheme in tackling social problems?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered an alternative point of view.

(8)
‘The government must not pay for things if the public thinks they are too expensive.’

Do you agree with this view?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view.

You could consider the following points in your answer and other information of your own:

- What does the government spend money on?
- Why does the government spend money on expensive things?
- Why do some people think that some government spending is a waste of money?
- Are there any reasons why the government might ignore public opinion on spending?
Source A: UK Green Party Calls for a Wealth Tax

The Green Party wants to introduce a wealth tax on the top 1% of the population. These people have possessions worth more than £3 million and would pay an annual tax on this wealth. The tax would mean that they would pay a fair share back to society.

The very richest people have doubled their wealth in the last five years. Meanwhile, the number in poverty has risen and the queues at food banks have lengthened. The wealth tax, which the Green Party has proposed, would raise £21 billion. This would help to pay for measures to support the poor.

The Green Party leader Natalie Bennett said: “A wealth tax will deliver real change for the common good.”

(Sources: adapted from http://greenparty.org.uk/news/2014/07/29/green-party-calls-for-a-wealth-tax/
Image: http://www.yorkvision.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/bennett1.png)

Source B: The Breathe Clean Air Group says ‘No’ to the Barton Renewable Energy Plant

“We are a group of local Urmston residents who are strongly opposed to the Barton Renewable Energy Plant (BREP). This industrial plant would process waste from 37,000 homes. We believe that it would increase air pollution and have a negative impact on the health of our local community.

“We do not belong to any global, national or political movement. We are local people fighting for Urmston residents to get this plant stopped.

“The main aim of our website is to provide accurate information for the residents of Urmston about the planned development.”

(Source: adapted from http://www.breathecleanairgroup.co.uk/about/)

Source C: Young people’s champion founds charity

When Gary Buxton worked in prisons, he saw how difficult backgrounds led some young people into a life of crime.

He believed that better services and stronger communities could help stop this happening.

Gary founded the Young Advisors charity to help such people. It now employs 1,500 people across the country. The charity makes a difference to the lives of up to 30,000 young people each month.

Source D: Why read the Herts Advertiser?

“Our greatest strength is our reputation. People have been reading the Herts Advertiser for years. They know what it stands for. They can call us to account if we make mistakes.

“How much trust can you place in news bloggers? They do not have to be accountable legally, ethically or morally. These sites can disappear at the click of a button. They are often run by individuals who have none of the training we demand of our journalists.

“For our reporters, journalism is more than a job. It’s about making sure we fully represent our community. Our editors make sure we bring you fair and balanced content.

“Surveys show people trust their local newspapers more because we are writing about their local community. Local newspapers have the power to make a difference.”

(Source: Herts Advertiser, May 2014)

Source E: Concern as Brunei brings in a new system of law

Brunei is to change its justice system. Strict new laws will include punishments such as flogging and stoning to death.

The leader of Brunei, the Sultan, said that using social media sites to protest against these changes will lead to prosecution.

New offences include blasphemy, drinking alcohol and getting pregnant outside of marriage. Some of these will be punishable by stoning.

Campaigners believe this breaks international conventions on human rights. Many of Brunei’s citizens from different religious backgrounds are also worried about the new laws.

(Source: adapted from The Independent, January 2015
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