

Edexcel GCSE Citizenship Studies

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A hyperlink is provided for each item of support. Some links are directly to specific files, some are to the webpages or dropdowns where the files are stored.

Website

➤ Citizenship Studies subject page	The Citizenship Studies subject page is the best starting place for our CS qualifications. It includes the latest news and provides key links.
➤ GCSE Citizenship Studies qualification page	The GCSE Citizenship Studies qualification page is the go-to page for all exam materials and teaching and learning resources for this qualification.

News

➤ Sign up for subject updates	One of the best ways to keep up-to-date with new resources, information and events is to sign up to the monthly Citizenship Studies subject email updates.
➤ View the latest subject update online	You can sign up to receive these direct to your email and view past editions, from the Citizenship Studies subject page, under the 'news' tab.

Specification and sample assessments

➤ GCSE Citizenship Studies specification	This provides a good starting point to the delivery of this qualification. It provides a comprehensive guide of teaching expectations and examined content, according to paper choice.
➤ Sample assessment materials	Our sample assessment materials provide example exam questions and mark schemes for each paper.

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Exam materials	
➤ Past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports	<p>These are available for every exam series since 2018.</p> <p>'Mark schemes' include indicative materials which could be included for each question.</p> <p>'Examiner reports' include commentary from the principal examiner on how each question performed and include exemplar answers from the series.</p>
➤ Specimen papers and mark schemes	<p>These are extra sets of practice papers and mark schemes, to exemplify the GCSE Citizenship Studies assessment model.</p>
➤ Command Words	<p>This outlines the different command words that are used across our GCSE qualifications and the expectations and assessment requirements around each question type.</p>
Curriculum planning	
➤ Schemes of work	<p>These are sample, outline schemes of work for each paper in the specification, in editable Word files.</p>
➤ Course planner	<p>These editable word documents outline different models of mapping the qualification, for both a 2-year and 3-year course.</p>
Guidance	
➤ GCSE (9-1) Citizenship Studies Subject guide	<p>This is an overview of the GCSE specification that we offer.</p>
➤ Getting started teacher guide	<p>This is a guide to the qualification including planning, the structure of the course and specific assessment guidance.</p>
➤ Guide to 'Citizenship Action'	<p>This resource provides detailed guidance on the aims and support available for the undertaking of 'Citizenship Action'.</p>
➤ Guide to answering exam questions on the 'Citizenship Action'	<p>This resource provides annotated candidate scripts and detailed advice, For Paper 2: Questions 1a-1e, relating to Theme E: Taking 'Citizenship Action'.</p>

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Guidance

➤ Guidance on using the General Election to build subject interest	This article, written by our senior examiners explores a variety of ways teachers can use the General Election to make GCSE Citizenship and A-Level Politics more interesting, appealing and relevant for students.
➤ Top Exam tips	This guide provides key tips and advice, to help students prepare for their GCSE Citizenship exams.
➤ Guidance for Paper 1: Section B	This guide offers advice on how to approach exam questions for Paper 1: Section B, using a range of different exemplar answers from across different exam series.
➤ Guidance for Paper 1: Section A: Theme A	This guide offers advice on how to approach exam questions for Paper 1: Section A : Theme A, using a range of different exemplar answers from across different exam series.

Past and future training

➤ Past training content	These are resources made available to delegates in past training events and include presentation slides and example answers. They are accessible to all those with an Edexcel Online account following the event.
➤ CPD Training courses	All new events are published on our monthly subject updates and will be available to book using this booking page.

Exemplar answers

➤ Exemplar material	➤ We have a range of student exemplar answers available with examiner commentary. There are answers available for a range of question types, across the mark range, for all papers.
➤ YouTube videos	➤ This links to Pearson's YouTube videos for GCSE Citizenship Studies.

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Teaching and Learning resources

➤ Citizenship Studies in the News	This resource is published quarterly and links to a range of current news articles aligned to the key questions, explored in themes A-D of the specification.
➤ Promotional material	This resource contains a collection of posters, designed for use at options evenings and to promote discussions about GCSE course content.
➤ British values posters	This resource contains a collection of posters, highlighting the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance.

Pearson Edexcel services

➤ ResultsPlus	'ResultsPlus' is our online results analysis tool for teachers. Included as part of your qualification fees, ResultsPlus gives you a detailed breakdown of your students' performance in Pearson Edexcel exams.
➤ Access to Scripts	'Access to Scripts' is an online service, included as part of your qualification fees, that allows you to view your candidates' marked scripts online or download as a PDF.
➤ examWizard	'examWizard' is an online resource containing a huge bank of past paper questions and support materials to help you create your own mock exams and tests.



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