

# Pearson Edexcel GCSE Citizenship Studies

## Top Exam tips



### Be mindful of time

*Make sure you allocate your timing across the different sections of the exam paper, giving adequate time for the longer responses at the end of each paper.*



### Use the question to guide your answer

*The question will state what you need to include in your answer. Longer questions give links to the specification topics.*



### Focus on key words

*Answers should refer directly to all the key words in the question.*



### Go beyond the source

*In 6-mark source questions, repeating the source will not gain any marks so use the source as a springboard to explore Citizenship issues, in relation to the question. Focus on applying your knowledge and understanding.*



### Answer the question

*Focus on the question that is set and ensure all points link to the question, as off-topic material will not be credited.*



### Develop points

*When asked to 'explain', 'analyse' or 'discuss arguments', you should add development to points, adding additional detail, evidence or examples to show understanding.*



### Attempt all questions

*Adopt a have-a-go attitude to all questions – you cannot get any marks if you don't write anything.*



### Be specific

*Don't assume the examiner knows what you mean - try to be as specific as possible in your response. Give specific details, reasons and examples where possible.*



### Read all options carefully in MCQs

*In multiple-choice questions, read all options carefully before selecting your answer.*



### Consider different views

*Within extended answer questions, make sure you refer to competing points of view – even if you disagree with them before forming a conclusion.*

## And remember to show what you know!

*There are no trick questions – the examiner is always looking to positively mark based on what you know.*