

How to Pass Modern Studies



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What topics do we study?

Crime and the Law

- ~~Nature & extent of crime~~
- Biological, economic & social causes of crime
- Consequences of crime on the perpetrator, victim, families, communities & wider society
- Criminal justice system (courts & Children's Hearing System)
- Police
- Government responses to crime
- Prisons and non-custodials

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World Power: USA

- Political system
- Participation & representation
- Influence on other countries (political, economic & military)
- Social & economic issues (e.g. poverty, crime, healthcare)
- ~~Effectiveness of govt in tackling social and economic issues~~

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What topics do we study?

Democracy in Scotland

- Reserved/devolved powers
- Role & powers of FM
- Political participation
- Role of MSPs
- Representation of women and minority ethnic groups
- Voting systems
- ~~Influence of the media and pressure groups~~

The Exam: Thursday 5th May

- 2 hours 20 mins
- 80 marks total
- PEE questions (content)
- Skills questions

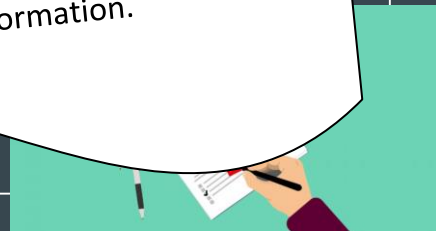
Content Questions

- Make sure you know some **real life examples** and show that you can **respond** to the question in front of you - not one you have tried before!

- QUESTIONS with 'describe' or 'explain'

Source/Skills Questions

- Know how to **structure** each type of question off by heart. All the answers are **IN** the question, the skill is **selecting** and **linking** the correct information.



Top Tips!

Help sessions after school on
Thursdays

- Organise class notes. Use a binder to keep all your notes in one place. Bring a binder to the classroom to update missing work.
- Regular, long term revision. The content can't really be done in a short period.
- Use revision resources on Google.
- Make sure revision is ACTIVE! Participate in it enough. Use graphic organisers.
- Once you are feeling confident try past papers. Pay attention to the language used.
- Timing! 1.5 mins per mark roughly.

We give students plenty of revision material so purchasing textbooks for Modern Studies is not necessary. Also, with the nature of the subject, they go out of date very quickly!

Finally...make sure to keep up to date with the news!



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It can all seem quite overwhelming - but the important thing is to START!

Questions