

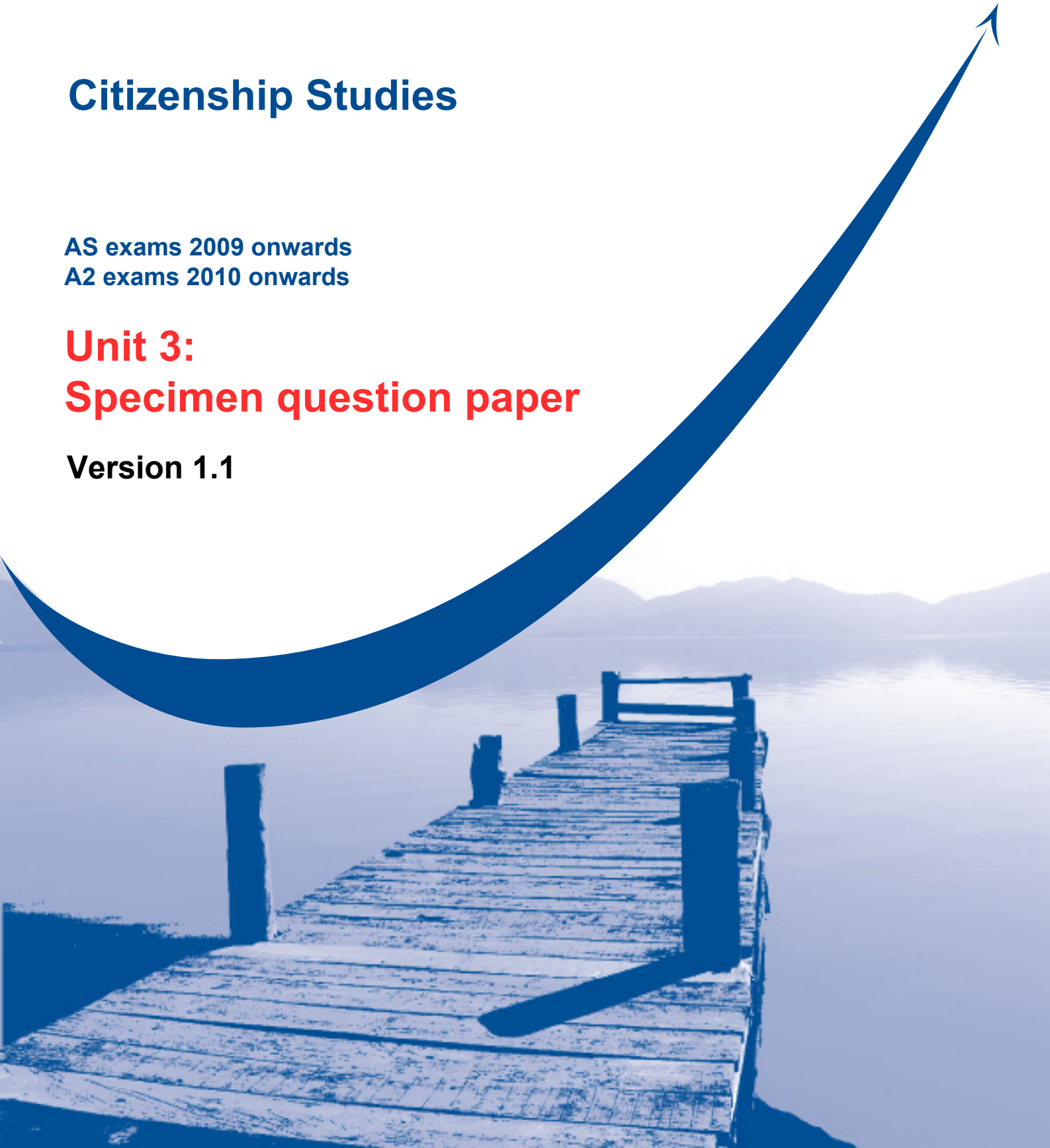
**GCE**  
AS and A Level

## **Citizenship Studies**

AS exams 2009 onwards  
A2 exams 2010 onwards

### **Unit 3:** **Specimen question paper**

**Version 1.1**



General Certificate of Education  
Specimen  
Advanced Level Examination



**CITIZENSHIP STUDIES**  
**Unit 3 – Power and Justice**

**CIST3**

Specimen Question Paper

<p><b>For this paper you must have:</b> an 8-page answer book</p>
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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is CIST3.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

The maximum mark for this paper is 80.

The marks for part questions are shown in brackets.

You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.

You are advised to spend the same amount of time on each question.

**CIST3**

**SECTION A: CRIME, JUSTICE AND PUNISHMENT**

Answer **one** question.

Each question carries 40 marks.

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**EITHER**

- 1 (a) Briefly explain the role of the police and Crown Prosecution Service in the decision to prosecute an alleged offender. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Critically assess the effectiveness of the punishments available to the courts in achieving their objectives. *(25 marks)*

**OR**

- 2 (a) Briefly explain the system by which judges are appointed in England and Wales. *(15 marks)*
- (b) 'The principle of bringing final appeals to the House of Lords has served the legal system well for centuries. There is no need to reform it now.' Critically assess this view. *(25 marks)*

**OR**

- 3 (a) Briefly explain the role of the Criminal Defence Service. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Critically assess the role of the Criminal Cases Review Commission in preventing miscarriages of justice. *(25 marks)*

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**SECTION B: POLITICS, POWER AND PARTICIPATION**

Answer **one** question.

Each question carries 40 marks.

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**EITHER**

- 4 (a) Briefly examine the points made by those who argue that prime ministers are becoming more presidential. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Assess the extent to which parliament and citizens can hold government to account. *(25 marks)*

**OR**

- 5 (a) Briefly outline the case for retaining the first past the post voting system for electing members of Parliament. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Assess the impact upon the nature of UK politics of allowing groups of citizens to put forward issues to be decided by referendum. *(25 marks)*

**OR**

- 6 (a) Briefly compare the powers of the UK parliament and the powers of the EU parliament. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Critically assess the view that there are currently no ideological differences between the major UK political parties. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**