

Which topics are covered at N5?		Are there important dates of which I should be aware?		
Unit	Topics			
Democracy in Scotland and the UK	Democracy in Scotland	October – Research Methods Section of Assignment draft		
		November/December - Prelim		
		February – Assignment (20% of final grade)		
Social Issues in the UK	Crime & the law	April/May – Final exam (80% of final grade)		
International Issues	World Issue - Terrorism			
How is the course assessed?				
COMPONENT	DETAILS	LENGTH	MARKS	%
Final exam	3 sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Democracy in Scotland/ UK - Democracy in ScotlandSocial Issues – Crime & the lawInternational Issues – World Issue - TerrorismEach section contains questions where pupils can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding and can apply skills they've learned.	2 hours 20 minutes	80	80
Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Written Assignment - undertaken in class under exam conditions. Submitted to QS for marking	1 hour	20	20%
What are the question types in the exam? Describe (4 marks) Explain reasons/ causes/ impacts of (6 or 8 marks) Draw conclusions (10 marks): use a limited range of sources and draw valid conclusions from them, with supporting evidence. Option Choice (10 marks): Evaluate a limited range of sources, in order to justify a decision/ recommendation and also explain why they have rejected the other option. Support/ Oppose (10 marks): evaluate a limited range of sources, to support and oppose a given point of view.		What resources can I use to support my learning? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams/OneNote – Revision Booklets and Organisers, textbook copies, Info sheetsNational 5 Skills BookletOneNote materials including revision channel and resourcesPrelim Revision BookletBBC Bitesize Revision for N5 Modern Studies https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxsnb9q		
Where can I find more information about the exam and assignment? QS Understanding Standards provides exemplars and grades awarded. https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/		How do I ensure top marks? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work hard! - Complete practice questions and give them to your teacher to mark.Create revision diagrams/flashcards, etc. for each of the syllabus areas.Explore other revision strategies – teach a parent about a topic, create a quiz for someone else (and complete their quiz).- Create a revision timetable at prelim time and in April/May.- Attend supported study (lunchtimes Mon to Thurs, after school on request)		
Where do I find the past papers? You can find papers on the SQA website. https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm				
Where do I find more information about the course? The course specification document on the QS website as a more detailed breakdown of the syllabus for each unit. https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47448.html				

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