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Grade descriptors for GCSEs graded 9 to 1: citizenship studies

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Grade 8

1.1 To achieve Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

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- demonstrate and apply relevant and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of a wide range of citizenship concepts, terms and issues
- construct perceptive and convincing arguments that consider a variety of viewpoints and reach well-substantiated conclusions
- develop ambitious research enquiries that lead to a strong, evidence-based analysis of citizenship issues
- critically evaluate the outcomes of effective participation in citizenship action

2.

Grade 5

2.1 To achieve Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate and apply mostly accurate and appropriate knowledge and understanding of a range of relevant aspects of citizenship concepts, terms and issues
- construct reasoned arguments that consider some differing viewpoints to draw evidence-based conclusions
- develop credible research enquiries that lead to an evidence-based analysis of citizenship issues
- evaluate the outcomes of participation in citizenship action

3.

Grade 2

3.1 To achieve Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate and apply knowledge and understanding of some aspects of citizenship concepts, terms and issues
- produce a basic line of reasoning that demonstrates some awareness of differing viewpoints to reach a judgement, with limited reference to evidence
- develop basic research enquiries that lead to a straightforward consideration of citizenship issues
- reflect on some of the outcomes of participation in citizenship action

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