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1(a)(ii)	<p>Describe Nepal's role as a member of the United Nations.</p> <p>Important role in UN peacekeeping – as of 2013 had contributed 94 000 peacekeepers to at least 43 missions One of the top five contributors of armed forces and police to UN peacekeeping Armed police and regular police also involved alongside army Taken part in missions in Middle East and Africa (such as UNEFII and UNISOM) Over 100 female troops involved Nepal also contributes civilian support (admin, etc.) to peacekeeping missions Participate in meetings and forums organised by the UN and contribute positively towards issues of interest Member of non-aligned movement Been a member of the Security Council</p>	4										
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3(b)	<p>Study Fig. 3.1, a photograph showing women working on the land in Nepal.</p>											
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3(b)(ii)	<p>Explain <u>one</u> advantage and <u>one</u> disadvantage of using the farming methods shown.</p> <p>Advantages include:</p> <p>More work by hand, so more employment created. It may yield less but higher quality attached yield. Able to farm on steep land where it would be difficult to use machinery.</p> <p>Disadvantages include:</p> <p>Quantity of crop yield is smaller. The process is slow and so productivity costs can be higher.</p>	4										

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3(b)(iii)	<p data-bbox="316 248 1254 282">Explain <u>one</u> reason why some regions of Nepal have a food deficit.</p> <p data-bbox="316 315 1299 383">Response could suggest and then develop detail about one of the following reasons:</p> <ul data-bbox="427 421 1315 801" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="427 421 954 454">Agricultural productivity/crop yield is low<li data-bbox="427 456 954 490">Large proportion of subsistence farming<li data-bbox="427 492 1043 526">Many plots are fragmented or on marginal land<li data-bbox="427 528 1315 595">Government programmes to introduce irrigation and fertilisers have been inadequate – delivery hindered by infrastructure and terrain<li data-bbox="427 598 1023 631">Environmental degradation has reduced yield<li data-bbox="427 633 1294 667">Population growth has balanced out improved yield in some areas<li data-bbox="427 669 948 703">Crop production, e.g. rice, has declined<li data-bbox="427 705 1315 801">Export crops from larger farms are more often sent into India for sale than into the more mountainous regions of Nepal, due to better prices and easier transport	3

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Level	Marks	Description
Level 3	8–10	A developed, well focused and organised response which addresses all the demands of the question. Good knowledge and understanding with use of relevant and detailed example(s).
Level 2	5–7	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points. Some use of example(s). Remains limited in knowledge and understanding or partial in not attempting to meet all the demands of the question.
Level 1	1–4	A few creditable points in a response of basic quality. The approach may be faulty and the focus of the response may not be the focus of the question. Little or no relevant exemplar material.
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Generic level descriptors part (b)		
Level	Marks	Description
Level 4	13–15	Response is structured as an argument. Well directed knowledge, detailed examples and good understanding support a convincing argument and clear evaluation.
Level 3	9–12	A solid response with some good knowledge and understanding and some use of examples. Argument is largely firm with some gaps or limitations. Evaluation offered is partial or may be brief where the response is narrative or explanatory in approach.
Level 2	5–8	A limited response with some satisfactory points. Weak and inaccurate use of examples or some generality. Argument is partial or not sustained. Evaluation may be superficial or absent.
Level 1	1–4	A few creditable points in a brief, faulty or poorly focussed response. Little or no use of relevant examples. Argument is weak and evaluation absent.
	0	No response or no creditable response.

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4(a)	<p>Describe ways in which changing patterns of work are affecting women's lives in Nepal.</p> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>Causes of changing patterns of work Male migration (e.g. in western Nepal, impacts on women have been quite negative) Education/literacy/qualifications/available employment/more equality of choice Changes of work pattern More women in labour market than in other South Asian countries – possibly due to poverty = necessity or due to migration of male household members More women going to further education in recent years – should lead to better work options in future 80% work in agriculture (almost all informal), 15% in services Effects on women's lives/family life/household structure, e.g. changing responsibilities/new roles/later marriage/fewer children/extended family households</p> <p>Changing patterns of work should be discussed with more than one example given. The reasons for the new patterns may be included and can be credited as development. Full responses will develop detail on the social, economic and/or cultural impacts being felt.</p>	10

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4(b)	<p>'The abolition of child labour means ensuring that every girl and boy has the opportunity to develop to their potential. The aim is to stop all work by children that threatens their education and development.' <i>International Labour Organisation.</i></p> <p>To what extent is this realistic for all families in Nepal? Explain your answer.</p> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>Some reasons why child labour has a negative impact on child development/society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of Education for All policy – compulsory and free education for 8 years for children aged 5–12 years Poor education levels lead to restricted prospects Restricts economic development Children are mistreated/unprotected/vulnerable <p>Reasons child labour is viewed as a necessity in some families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture and tradition Barriers to education – no compulsory education in Nepal until recently Low availability of free secondary education Minimum age for employment is 14, few finish secondary school Market demand for child workers, e.g. as they are cheaper. Industries – brick making, carpet making, textiles, e.g. decorative garment sewing, gemstone production. Poverty Illness/crisis in families Poor enforcement of legislation/informal work – e.g. part-time employment is not legislated against, 16 and 17-year-olds not covered by hazardous work protection <p>The best responses should attempt to evaluate the situations of families in contrasting situations in Nepal and to give reasons why their circumstances contribute to their attitude towards children working.</p>	15

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5(a)	<p>Outline the ways in which modern communications technology can be used to help protect Nepal’s diverse cultural and linguistic traditions.</p> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>Mobile phone and Skype mean that people can talk to each other easily and cheaply, even if many miles away. This can protect diversity in language – a son working abroad can still contact his family in his own language.</p> <p>Radios are cheap and popular and programmes are broadcast in different languages and can be used to preserve folk traditions such as storytelling and song. For instance, Kantipur FM was established, alongside other private radio stations, to rival state-controlled Nepal FM, and plays dueda and thadi songs in far-western regional languages. Since the 1990s, many more songs have been recorded in different languages and these are widely listened to on the radio and on social media.</p> <p>Radio Nepal now broadcasts the news in 18 mother tongues. NTV broadcasts a small number of films in local languages.</p> <p>Digital developments are also significant and recording of documents and e-disseminations means that there is a wider audience for recordings in different languages and for preserving different cultural practices. For instance, the Himalaya Language Project is developing endangered language dictionaries and Digital Himalaya is developing a digital collection, storage and distribution strategies for multimedia anthropological information from the Himalayan region, covering many aspects of cultural and linguistic diversity and recording traditions and practices which are unwritten.</p> <p>Organisations such as NFDIN (founded in 2002) also work to preserve intangible heritage with NFDIN working to promote the cultural development of indigenous nationalities in Nepal. VDCs are also responsible for protecting the religious and cultural traditions of their area.</p> <p>The Devanagari keyboard can be adapted to represent many other minority tongues and this means that the language is not only preserved but continues to develop.</p>	10

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5(b)	<p>‘The most serious threat to Nepal’s tangible heritage is unchecked urban development.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer with reference to examples.</p> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>Urban development in Nepal is often unregulated with modern development being allowed very close to world heritage sites. Unless specific buildings are listed as heritage sites, then they are not protected and can be allowed to collapse or be replaced by modern buildings.</p> <p>Although the 1956 Ancient Monument Preservation Act is designed to stop development on heritage sites, it has not been enforced and regulation is poor.</p> <p>There is no system of enforcing central planning to encourage built heritage to be considered alongside modern development.</p> <p>There is also little control on illegal development and sometimes laws about what can be built, and where, are conflicting.</p> <p>There are also conflicting needs to be addressed. People need access to clean water and a power supply. This discourages them from living in historic buildings as those listed are not allowed to have solar panels.</p> <p>Other factors:</p> <p>The 2015 earthquake was devastating and shows the risks to tangible heritage in earthquake zones. Over 400 monuments were destroyed in the Kathmandu Valley, 35 of these within UNSECO World Heritage Sites and over 3,000 were destroyed across Nepal. Many of these buildings had been rebuilt following the earthquake in 1934.</p> <p>Some argue that the earthquake should not have come as a surprise and that more of Nepal’s historic buildings could have survived. Buildings which had been restored, renovated and retro-fitted with metal plates and bolts to help them withstand earthquakes were more likely to survive. Many historic buildings were not regularly repaired or restored and therefore collapsed more easily.</p> <p>There is concern about the lack of control on the rebuilding of monuments since the earthquake. According to sources in Nepal, there is no quality control on the rebuilding. At worst this could make repaired buildings more likely to collapse and cause damage to the rest of the structure, creating greater problems in the future. Some blame the government for a lack of will in this area.</p> <p>Conservationists have lobbied the government to change their policy of giving building contracts to the lowest bidder, regardless of their level of competence in historic building work.</p> <p>Local craftsmen and artisans often have the skills required to rebuild but feel that they have no recognition by the government. They could make a vital contribution to protecting Nepal’s built heritage, while keeping traditional crafts alive.</p>	15

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6(a)	<p>Outline the reasons why many Nepali people work abroad.</p> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>According to the Nepal Institute of Development Studies, more than 3.5 million Nepalis, which is well over 10% of the population, have left to work abroad over the past 20 years.</p> <p>Remittances from workers overseas are vital for Nepal's economy and account for around 26% of GDP. Most people live on less than \$2 a day. The country's struggle to fight its way out of poverty has been difficult.</p> <p>After democracy was restored in 1990, Nepal made it easy for everyone to obtain a passport. Up to this point, Nepali citizens were not permitted to travel freely, except to neighbouring India. Around the same time, the development of the Persian Gulf meant there was a shortage of labour there. Many Nepalis welcomed the opportunity to make a living there.</p> <p>Unemployment is still a major issue in Nepal. Although government figures put it at 2.2%, independent estimates are far higher – up to 46% according to the CIA.</p> <p>Underemployment is an issue for those in Nepal where employment could be seasonal. By comparison, migrant workers can send home enough money for a rural family to build a house. Many migrant workers say they enjoy better lives because of working abroad. Many work limited hour days and enjoy paid holidays (although many do not). A recent study showed that Nepali construction workers in Qatar earn 10 times the average monthly earning they would achieve in Nepal. This makes the prospect of working abroad attractive to Nepalis who have little opportunity for well paid work at home.</p>	10

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6(b)	<p>‘Nepal’s political class are upper caste, male, Hindu and from the hill regions. Until this changes Nepal will not be a truly democratic society.’ How far do you agree? Explain your answer.</p> <p>Indicative content</p> <p>In support of the statement candidates may consider that:</p> <p>Traditionally marginalised groups (such as the Madhesi) fear that the constitution will still work against them as it has been rushed through by established parties which – including the Maoists – are dominated by high-caste, mostly male leaders. One Madhesi leader has alleged that ‘the big parties have tried to crush the minority groups’ and caused chaos. He says the constitution has been rushed through for the sake of the privileged old guard of politicians rather than the people.</p> <p>A smaller percentage of parliament will now be elected by proportional representation – 45% compared with 58% under the previous post-war interim constitution. The PR system has helped more members of indigenous and low-caste groups to be elected. Some favour strong devolution with more regional control and movement of power away from Kathmandu. They say the new provinces will have fewer powers than originally envisaged – for instance, their autonomy on provincial laws, banking and foreign aid will be limited.</p> <p>Some of those who fought for the Maoists, supported their aims or considered them as progressive accused them of selling out on their promises. In their original charter, the Maoists vowed to end patriarchy, let ethnic minorities form their own governments, and redistribute land from large holders to the landless. Prachanda became PM in August 2016 and has pledged to work for equality and economic development.</p> <p>To challenge the statement candidates may consider that:</p> <p>The constitution is progressive as it provides for quotas for some – women, indigenous communities and low-caste Dalits – in serving on constitutional bodies.</p> <p>Bidhya Devi Bhandari was elected as Nepal’s first woman president in a parliamentary vote in October 2015. She is the deputy leader of the ruling Communist Party of Nepal Unified Marxist-Leninist (CPN-UML) and a former defence minister. Although the post of president is mainly ceremonial, Bhandari is a campaigner for women’s rights and has enjoyed a long political career.</p> <p>Onsari Gharti was elected as speaker of the parliament, a landmark in the women’s movement in the country. Both Bhandari and Gharti are first to assume the top five posts of the country addressed as Right Honourable. Prior to these, deputy speaker and deputy prime minister were the topmost posts that women had held in Nepal’s history.</p>	15

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6(b)	<p>The participation of women in parliament was at an all-time high at 32.8% in Nepal during the first CA but it decreased to 29.8% in the second CA. However, the average representation of women in parliament in the world is only 22%, in Asia it is 18.4 %, so Nepal appears to be making headway.</p> <p>One social group praising the constitution is the Blue Diamond Society, which has successfully campaigned for rights of sexual minorities. Its leader, who was a member of the first Constituent Assembly, has praised articles that list 'gender and sexual minority people' as disadvantaged and that enshrine their right to participate in state mechanisms. Nepal is the first nation in Asia to enshrine such rights in the constitution.</p> <p>It will take time for the face of Nepali politics to change. The constitution is new and it cannot be expected that new faces will take control from the start. In some ways, it could be considered beneficial that the old guard are still in charge – they represent continuity and this is at least important on the international stage.</p>	