

#### **Cambridge Assessment International Education**

Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary Level

NEPAL STUDIES 8024/02

Paper 2 Written Paper May/June 2018

MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 75

#### **Published**

This mark scheme is published as an aid to teachers and candidates, to indicate the requirements of the examination. It shows the basis on which Examiners were instructed to award marks. It does not indicate the details of the discussions that took place at an Examiners' meeting before marking began, which would have considered the acceptability of alternative answers.

Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the question paper and the Principal Examiner Report for Teachers.

Cambridge International will not enter into discussions about these mark schemes.

Cambridge International is publishing the mark schemes for the May/June 2018 series for most Cambridge IGCSE™, Cambridge International A and AS Level and Cambridge Pre-U components, and some Cambridge O Level components.

IGCSE™ is a registered trademark.



### **Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

#### **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:**

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

#### **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:**

#### Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit
  is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme,
  referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

#### **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:**

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

#### **GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:**

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

© UCLES 2018 Page 2 of 20

Question		Answer	Marks		
1(a)(i)	Name the regional organisation which was founded in 1985 and includes Nepal, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka among its members.				
	<ul><li>SAARC</li><li>South Asian Associa</li></ul>	tion for Regional Cooperation			
1(a)(ii)	Describe Nepal's role as a member of the United Nations.				
	<ul> <li>Important role in UN peacekeeping – as of 2013 had contributed 94 000 peacekeepers to at least 43 missions</li> <li>One of the top five contributors of armed forces and police to UN peacekeeping</li> <li>Armed police and regular police also involved alongside army</li> <li>Taken part in missions in Middle East and Africa (such as UNEFII and UNISOM)</li> <li>Over 100 female troops involved</li> <li>Nepal also contributes civilian support (admin, etc.) to peacekeeping missions</li> <li>Participate in meetings and forums organised by the UN and contribute positively towards issues of interest</li> <li>Member of non-aligned movement</li> <li>Been a member of the Security Council</li> </ul>				
1(b)(i)	What is the message of this of the source.	s source? Explain your answer using details	4		
	Inference	Development			
	Nepal is small	Nepal is shown as being much smaller than India and China and trapped between the two			
	India and China are competing for Nepal	Nepal is being pulled apart by the two powers in the cartoon			
	India and China are not interested  Nepal is in danger of falling into the abyss below but neither India nor China sees this, even though the 2015 earthquake has just happened and Nepal is in desperate need of help				
	Nepal needs help	China and India can supply trade and support which Nepal needs			

© UCLES 2018 Page 3 of 20

Question		Answer	Marks
1(b)(ii)	Explain <u>two</u> ways in which with China.	Nepal has benefitted from its relationship	4
	Feature	Explanation	
	Improved relations	Relations strained over Tibet for many years but improved markedly in recent decades. Reduced dependency on India	
	Improved trade	Trade agreement signed March 2016 including allowing Nepal to use Chinese ports for trade. Should help Nepal's economy as Nepal has access to the sea	
	Improved communications	1960s China improving communications between Nepal and Tibet. More recently agreed to fund development of an airport at Pokhara to help improve Nepal's communications with the outside world and to reduce congestion in Kathmandu	
	Help during the blockade	A gift of 1.3 million litres of oil was supplied to Nepal when fuel supplies were disrupted along the Indian border	
	Increased tourism	Larger numbers of Chinese visitors are an important source of revenue for Nepal. Chinese visitors now make up over 30% of tourists to Nepal	
	Reduced dependency	A good relationship with both China and India is beneficial for Nepal. This will reduce dependency in many aspects such as trade and commerce	

© UCLES 2018 Page 4 of 20

Question			Answer	Marks
1(c)	India has b	een chara	reaty of Friendship, Nepal's relationship with cterised by disputes and ill-feeling.' How far do our answer with reference to examples.	12
	Level	Marks	Description	
	Level 3	10–12	A developed, well focused and organised response which addresses the whole question. Examples are relevant, detailed and applied effectively in support.	
	Level 2	6–9	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points, but which remains limited or partial in one or more of understanding, argument, evaluation or exemplar support.	
	Level 1	1–5	A few creditable points. 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.	
		0	No response or no creditable response.	
	196 mu che The in In trac free rela tha The Ag larg in t floo pee The dis cor	60s, relation atual securities beckpoints been was fur 1975. 1988, Nepade and tranely. Failure ations which at lasted unities water Indirecements seely been in this region wood in 2008 woole.  The border be puted territompleted magenists	en tension over the control of the border. In the late his were tense as Nepal challenged the existing y arrangement and asked that the Indian security e withdrawn. Ther tension over Sikkim which was annexed by India and I refused to accommodate India's wishes for a single sit treaty, stating that it violated Nepal's right to trade to reach an agreement led to a crisis in India—Nepal in resulted in an economic blockade of Nepal by India cill late April 1990. It is a the Koshi agreement signed in 1954 have in India's favour. The dam built to control the flooding was not maintained and the result was a disastrous which killed hundreds and displaced over 3 million of tween Nepal and India, Kalapani and Susta are pries. A joint border commission was established and apping the border in 2007. However, neither side was	
	• Po	litical proble en caused l	tify the maps.  ems – a blockade in 2015 which was thought to have by India in response to the complaints of Madhesi t the new Nepali constitution.	

© UCLES 2018 Page 5 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
1(c)	<ul> <li>The Nepalese Citizenship Act of 1952 allowed Indians to immigrate to Nepal and acquire Nepalese citizenship – this could also be considered a source of tension.</li> <li>98% of Nepal's trade is conducted through India. In the first few months of 2011-2012, Nepal's exports to India were worth US\$ 284 million. Although India exports much more to Nepal (worth US\$1.6 billion in the same period), Nepal relies on this trade.</li> <li>Although there has been tension over water supplies, access to water from Nepal is vital for India, and Nepal, in return, depends on India for power supplies.</li> <li>The special security relationship between Nepal and India was reestablished after India ended its 13-month long economic blockade. During a visit to India in December 1991 by the Nepalese PM, the two countries signed new trade and transit treaties alongside other economic agreements designed to benefit Nepal.</li> <li>India has been quick to respond to disasters in Nepal. In 2014, an Indian army mountaineering team recovered bodies and rescued survivors in the Everest avalanche. In April 2015, the Indian National Disaster Response Force was launched within hours of the earthquake and provided vital assistance.</li> </ul>	

Question	Answer		
2(a)(i)	What is meant by internal r	nigration?	1
	Internal migration is the move within a country.	ement of people from one location to another	
2(a)(ii)	Describe push and pull factors which can cause rural to urban migration to Kathmandu.		
	Push/pull Factor	Development/support	
	Better access to household amenities – water/electricity, etc.	Improved quality of life/better health/fewer diseases/improved diet/less time consumed, e.g. collecting wood/extended daylight hours	
	Better access to technology – TV, Internet, etc.	Improved quality of life/social time/access to information/support for education/work opportunities	
	Access to education/ job opportunities	More income/better prospects/better prospects for children	
	Access to services – hospitals	Access to healthcare/access to medicines	

© UCLES 2018 Page 6 of 20

Question	Answer				Marks	
2(b)(i)	Study Table 2.1 which shows the percentage (%) of households with selected facilities in urban and rural Nepal. Using evidence from Table 2.1 only, explain two contrasts between facilities in urban and rural households.					4
		Households us firewood as ma fuel for cooking	ain	Households with use of a flush toilet linked to public sewerage (%)	Households with use of a television (%)	
	Urban	26		30	64	
	Rural	73		3	37	
2(b)(ii)	urban are	a in Kathmandu. s the authorities	Using	phs showing different Figs 2.1 and 2.2, expl n meeting the needs o	ain <u>two</u>	4
	Challenge		Dev	elopment/support		
	Unplanned housing development		regu	r quality housing built w lations/ overcrowding/la ces/earthquake risk		
	Lack of infrastructure planning, e.g. roads/sewers		info	sing areas built away from al electricity connection erage system/supply of	ons/lack of	
	Lack of v manager	vaste nent planning	rubb	rpopulation leading to b bish/ lack of organised c ems/health hazards/infe	ollection	

© UCLES 2018 Page 7 of 20

Question			Answer	Marks
2(c)	'Nepal is ui answer wit		oo rapidly.' How far do you agree? Support your s.	12
	Level	Marks	Description	
	Level 3	10–12	A developed, well focused and organised response which addresses the whole question. Examples are relevant, detailed and applied effectively in support.	
	Level 2	6–9	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points, but which remains limited or partial in one or more of understanding, argument, evaluation or exemplar support.	
	Level 1	1–5	A few creditable points. 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.	
		0	No response or no creditable response.	
	Indicative content			
	ma cor mu	rket towns atrol. Developed in sortunities. believed to be the sort on the sort of the sor	crafts, tourism and agro processing could be more smaller cities to generate wealth and job and needs to be better prioritised, for example, in projects, to achieve more economic sustainability in centres.	
			uld be managed or controlled to be more sustainable.	

© UCLES 2018 Page 8 of 20

Question	Answer			
3(a)(i)	<ul> <li>What is meant by marginal land?</li> <li>Land holdings are marginal if they are too small to even meet subsistence needs.</li> <li>Land that is found on the edge of cultivated areas, often difficult to grow crops on.</li> <li>Land usually has little or no potential for profit, and often has poor soil or other undesirable characteristics.</li> </ul>			
3(a)(ii)	Describe <u>two</u> consequenc	es of being landless in Nepal.	4	
	Consequence	Description / Detail		
	Unreliable food/shelter availability	Hunger/seasonal variations/weather events/ months of the year/regional differences		
	Deprived social and political rights/status	Deprived of some fundamental rights including: employment/access to shelter/ water/electricity/lack of security/lack of future security for children		
	Exploited by employers	Poverty/compelled to accept low wages/ accept unfavourable terms/forced to take loans/dependent on others		
	Proof of citizenship	Not having proof of land ownership can mean you cannot prove your citizenship		
3(b)	Study Fig. 3.1, a photogra Nepal.	ph showing women working on the land in		
3(b)(i)	Which cash crop is shown	n in Fig. 3.1?	4	
	Tea			
3(b)(ii)	Explain <u>one</u> advantage and <u>one</u> disadvantage of using the farming methods shown.		4	
	Advantages include:			
	<ul> <li>More work by hand, so more employment created.</li> <li>It may yield less but higher quality attached yield.</li> <li>Able to farm on steep land where it would be difficult to use machinery.</li> </ul>			
	Disadvantages include:			
	<ul><li>Quantity of crop yie</li><li>The process is slow</li></ul>	eld is smaller. v and so productivity costs can be higher.		

© UCLES 2018 Page 9 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)(iii)	Explain one reason why some regions of Nepal have a food deficit.	3
	Response could suggest and then develop detail about one of the following reasons:	
	<ul> <li>Agricultural productivity/crop yield is low</li> <li>Large proportion of subsistence farming</li> <li>Many plots are fragmented or on marginal land</li> <li>Government programmes to introduce irrigation and fertilisers have been inadequate – delivery hindered by infrastructure and terrain</li> <li>Environmental degradation has reduced yield</li> <li>Population growth has balanced out improved yield in some areas</li> <li>Crop production, e.g. rice, has declined</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	

© UCLES 2018 Page 10 of 20

Question			Answer	Marks
3(c)	'Land reform has not yet benefitted all people in Nepal.' Explain reasons why land reform remains controversial. Support your answer with examples.			12
	Level	Marks	Description	
	Level 3	10–12	A developed, well focused and organised response which addresses the whole question. Examples are relevant, detailed and applied effectively in support.	
	Level 2	6–9	A satisfactory response which may contain some good points, but which remains limited or partial in one or more of understanding, argument, evaluation or exemplar support.	
	Level 1	1–5	A few creditable points. 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.	
		0	No response or no creditable response.	
	to why land consequence  New was land very local	epal's first Lasthe aboliting ceilings. En aboliting ceilings. En aboliting ceilings. En aboliting ceilings were taked as derived from the Suprem 2002, a law ricultural laber as derived froctor.  The enew Nepal cess. En aboliting per fare ceiling per fare ceili	m was introduced to reduce the legal size of landmily. Its step of reducing land ceilings was overruled ne Court.  w was passed to liberate Kamaiyas (bonded bourers). A mere 1609 ha of land was allocated to Kamaiya in one small part of the country. This land om marginal public land, not the private farming rim Constitution includes broad equality protections, ation provisions, and an impressive number of liman rights. The constitution provides for the right to provides many provisions committing the state to	

© UCLES 2018 Page 11 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
3(c)	Difficulties with reform:  • Legislation to be written and passed • Budget for this process • Enforcement of new legislation  Social/cultural issues: • Landowners vs landless  CBS 2006 figures:  Landless is 287 100 households; 421 770 ha estimated land needs to be redistributed  Richest is 3800 households; 492 851 ha estimated available land to redistribute  • Landlessness in Nepal is characterised by: exploitative labour conditions for tenant farmers and near bonded-labour conditions, violent evictions, lack of access to traditional resources, e.g. forests, lack of access to water and food resources, inability to access police and the judiciary, and discrimination against women,	Marks
	Dalits, ethnic and religious minorities, and tribal groups who make up a disproportionate proportion of landless people.  • Daughters can now inherit land.	

© UCLES 2018 Page 12 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks			
	Section B				

### Generic level descriptors part (a)

[15]

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.
	0	No response or no creditable response.

### 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.

© UCLES 2018 Page 13 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
4(a)	Describe ways in which changing patterns of work are affecting women's lives in Nepal.	10
	Indicative content	
	<ul> <li>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         <ul> <li>Changes of work pattern</li></ul></li></ul>	
	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.	

© UCLES 2018 Page 14 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
4(b)	'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.'  International Labour Organisation.	15
	To what extent is this realistic for all families in Nepal? Explain your answer.	
	Indicative content	
	Some reasons why child labour has a negative impact on child development/society:  • 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  Reasons child labour is viewed as a necessity in some families:  • 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	
	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.	

© UCLES 2018 Page 15 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
5(a)	Outline the ways in which modern communications technology can be used to help protect Nepal's diverse cultural and linguistic traditions.	10
	Indicative content	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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 farwestern 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.</li> <li>Radio Nepal now broadcasts the news in 18 mother tongues. NTV broadcasts a small number of films in local languages.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	

© UCLES 2018 Page 16 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
5(b)	'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.	15
	Indicative content	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Although the 1956 Ancient Monument Preservation Act is designed to stop development on heritage sites, it has not been enforced and regulation is poor.</li> <li>There is no system of enforcing central planning to encourage built heritage to be considered alongside modern development.</li> <li>There is also little control on illegal development and sometimes laws about what can be built, and where, are conflicting.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
	Other factors:	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
	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 retrofitted 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.	
	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.	
	<ul> <li>Some blame the government for a lack of will in this area.         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.     </li> <li>Local craftsmen and artisans often have the skills required to</li> </ul>	
	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.	

© UCLES 2018 Page 17 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
6(a)	Outline the reasons why many Nepali people work abroad.	10
	<ul> <li>Indicative content</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	

© UCLES 2018 Page 18 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	'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.	15
	Indicative content	
	In support of the statement candidates may consider that:	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>To challenge the statement candidates may consider that:</li> <li>The constitution is progressive as it provides for quotas for some – women, indigenous communities and low-caste Dalits – in serving on constitutional bodies.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	

© UCLES 2018 Page 19 of 20

Question	Answer	Marks
6(b)	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	

© UCLES 2018 Page 20 of 20