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Chapter 25 What is the UK's political role in the world?

All exemplar answers given are worth full marks.

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(a)

(i) The USA, Germany, and the Netherlands

(ii) D

(b)

(i) The European Union is an economic and political union of 27 European countries. The UK voted to leave the EU in 2016.

(ii) Brexit is an abbreviation of 'Britain' and 'exit'. It refers to the withdrawal process of the UK from the European Union (EU) following the referendum in 2016.

(iii) Following 47 years of membership, the UK's partnership with the EU was very well established through trade, laws, working practices, and standards. All these connections could not be broken immediately without damaging both the UK and the remaining EU members. The UK is still European geographically, and individuals, businesses, and so on, on both sides, will continue to mix with each other through trade, even if the UK is not so politically tied as before Brexit.

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(a) D

(b) 1 The Commonwealth

2 UN

(c) 1 NATO – The UK is a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, whose 30 members have agreed to protect each other should any of them be invaded by another country.

2 UN – The UK is one of five permanent members of the UN Security Council. The Council has the authority to authorise peacekeeping missions, sanctions, and military interventions in other countries.

(d) This question is level-marked:

Level	Marks	Description
3	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thorough knowledge, understanding or analysis of the issue, process or concept. • Uses well-developed ideas and line of reasoning is clear and logically structured. • Information presented is relevant and substantiated.
2	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable knowledge, understanding or analysis of the issue, process or concept. • Uses developed ideas and line of reasoning with some structure. • Information presented is mostly relevant and supported by some evidence.

Level	Marks	Description
1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic knowledge, understanding or analysis of the issue, process or concept. • Uses simple ideas with no developed points made. • Information is basic, unstructured, and supported by limited evidence.
	0	No response or no response worth of credit.

Example answer: *In 2011, the UK gave £18.4 million to Syria to supply shelter to refugees, clear mines, and provide medical care through the World Health Organisation. Since 2012, the UN Security Council has adopted 27 resolutions on Syria. In 2015, all members of the UN Security Council, including the UK, asked member states to act against terrorist attacks in Syria. In 2018, the UK, with the USA and France, carried out missile strikes, which was later supported by the G7 leaders. Between 2012 and 2022, the UK gave £3.7 billion to 30 partners, including the UN and the Red Cross to help the needs of people caught in the conflict.*

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- (a)** 1 The highest unemployment rates were in the parts of the country where heavy industry had closed.
2 The number of people who are working part-time has increased.
- (b)** Since 2001, the UK has moved into a post-industrial economy. This has seen a decline in secondary occupations based on manufacturing, the economy has become more dependent on service tertiary employment. The greatest change is in the quaternary sector based on ICT and the development of knowledge-based industries. Deindustrialisation has taken place in the traditional manufacturing on the coalfields of Scotland, Northern England, and South Wales. Many people have become self-employed with an increase in the numbers of people working part time.