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Term paper

LK ENG

Assignments

1 Comprehension (30%)

Outline Prime Minister Cameron's views on immigration as expressed in this speech.

2 Analysis (30%)

Analyse the means Cameron employs to convince his listeners of his views on immigration. Focus on communicative strategies and use of language.

3 Discussion (40%)

Choose one of the following tasks:

3.1 The slogan "good immigration, not mass immigration" (l. 14) caused a controversy. Discuss this slogan using your knowledge of immigration in the UK or in another country.

OR

3.2 You are a doctor from India who has been living and working in the UK for several years. At an alumni reunion in New Delhi in 2015 you have been asked to talk to young graduates about your life in Britain and British immigration politics.

Write this speech.

➔ time allowed 135 minutes, mono- and bilingual dictionaries



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Prime Minister's address to Conservative party members on the government's immigration policy, in: *The Guardian*, 14 April 2011

A year ago, we were in the middle of a general election campaign. And there was one message I heard loud and clear on the doorstep: we want things to be different. People said they wanted a government that didn't just do what was good for the headline or good for their party but good for the long term and good for our country.

5 That's what we're engaged in.

Now, immigration is a hugely emotive subject ... and it's a debate too often in the past shaped by assertions rather than substantive arguments. We've all heard them. The assertion that mass immigration is an unalloyed good and that controlling it is 10 economic madness ... the view that Britain is a soft touch and immigrants are out to take whatever they can get. I believe the role of politicians is to cut through the extremes of this debate and approach the subject sensibly and reasonably.

Above all, I want to get the policy right: good immigration, not mass immigration.

15 That's why I believe it's time for a new approach – one which opens up debate, not closes it down; where politicians don't just talk, but actually act.

Benefits of immigration

20 Let's start with being open. The British people are fair-minded – and I want them to feel they can be honest about what they think about this subject. Here's what I think. Our country has benefitted immeasurably from immigration. Go into any hospital and you'll find people from Uganda, India and Pakistan who are caring for our sick and vulnerable. Go into schools and universities and you'll find teachers from all over the 25 world, inspiring our young people. Go to almost any high street in the country and you'll find entrepreneurs from overseas who are not just adding to the local economy but playing a part in local life. Charities, financial services, fashion, food, music – all these sectors are what they are because of immigration. So yes, immigrants make a huge contribution to Britain. We recognise that – and we welcome it.

Pressures of immigration

30 But I'm also clear about something else: for too long, immigration has been too high. Between 1997 and 2009, 2.2 million more people came to live in this country than left to live abroad. That's the largest influx of people Britain has ever had ... and it has placed real pressures on communities up and down the country. Not just pressures 35 on schools, housing and healthcare – though those have been serious ... but social pressures too. Because real communities aren't just collections of public service users living in the same space.

40 Real communities are bound by common experiences ... forged by friendship and conversation ... knitted together by all the rituals of the neighbourhood, from the school run to the chat down the pub. And these bonds can take time. So real integration takes time.

45 That's why, when there have been significant numbers of new people arriving in neighbourhoods ... perhaps not able to speak the same language as those living there ... on occasions not really wanting or even willing to integrate ... that has created a kind of discomfort and disjointedness in some neighbourhoods.

This has been the experience for many people in our country – and I believe it is untruthful and unfair not to speak about it and address it.

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Our aim

So, taking all this into account, I believe controlling immigration and bringing it down is of vital importance to the future of our country.

(580 words)

Source:<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/apr/14/david-cameron-immigration-speech-full-text> (Accessed 12th of May 2014)

Annotations:

- I. 8 **substantive** *dealing with real, important or serious matters*
- I. 9 **unalloyed** *not mixed with anything else, such as negative feelings*
- I. 47 **disjointedness** *having no connection*