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**Modern Studies**

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY

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**Total marks — 90**

**Attempt ONE Section only**

**SECTION 1 — POLITICAL ISSUES AND RESEARCH METHODS — 90 marks**

Part A – Attempt TWO questions

Part B – Attempt BOTH questions

**SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES, LAW AND ORDER AND RESEARCH METHODS — 90 marks**

Part A – Attempt TWO questions

Part B – Attempt BOTH questions

**SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES, SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND RESEARCH METHODS — 90 marks**

Part A – Attempt TWO questions

Part B – Attempt BOTH questions

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue or black ink**.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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**SECTION 1 — POLITICAL ISSUES AND RESEARCH METHODS — 90 marks****PART A — Attempt TWO questions — 60 marks****Question 1 — Power and influence**

‘The media is now the dominant influence on the political process.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Question 2 — Living political ideas**

‘The age of ideologically driven parties is over.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Question 3 — Political structures**

‘The Executive dominates all branches of government.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Part B — Attempt BOTH questions — 30 marks****Question 4**

You are researching voting patterns amongst young people.

To what extent are surveys more advantageous than official statistics for this investigation?

In your answer you should make reference to relevant examples.

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**Question 5**

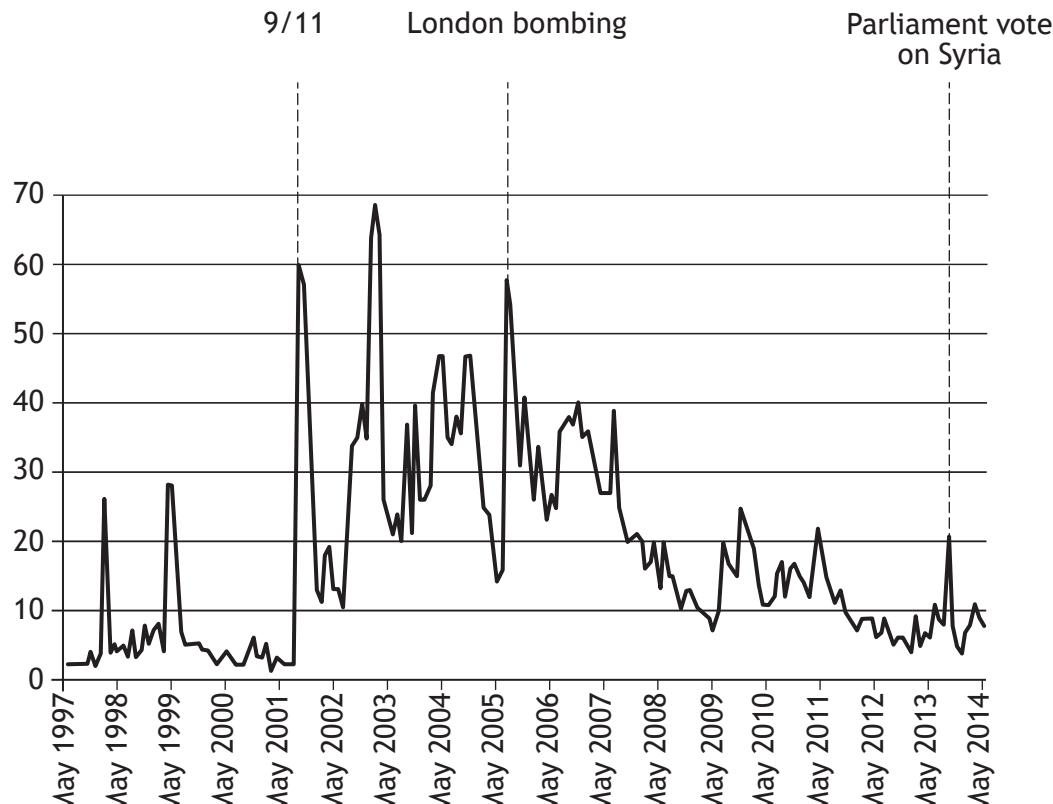
To what extent can **Source A** be considered trustworthy?

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Question 5 (continued)

Source A

**Issues Facing Britain:  
Defence/Foreign Affairs/International Terrorism**  
*What do you see as the most/  
other important issues facing Britain today?*



Ipsos MORI

Ipsos MORI's Issues Index is conducted monthly and provides an overview of the key issues concerning the country. Ipsos MORI uses representative quota sampling and respondents are not prompted with any answers. Interviews were conducted face-to-face in-home between 2nd–12th May in 193 sampling points across Great Britain. A nationally and regionally representative sample of 1000 adults is used for this. All interviews are carried out by Ipsos MORI interviewers in-home, using CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing).

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**SECTION 2 — SOCIAL ISSUES, LAW AND ORDER AND RESEARCH METHODS — 90 marks****Part A — Attempt TWO questions — 60 marks****Question 6 — Understanding the criminal justice system**

‘Putting privacy concerns above public safety is unacceptable.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Question 7 — Understanding criminal behaviour**

‘Criminals are the product of their environment.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Question 8 — Responses by society to crime**

‘The best response to criminal behaviour is to be tough.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Part B — Attempt BOTH questions — 30 marks****Question 9**

You are researching the criminal justice system's treatment of female offenders.

To what extent are surveys more advantageous than official statistics for this investigation?

In your answer you should make reference to relevant examples.

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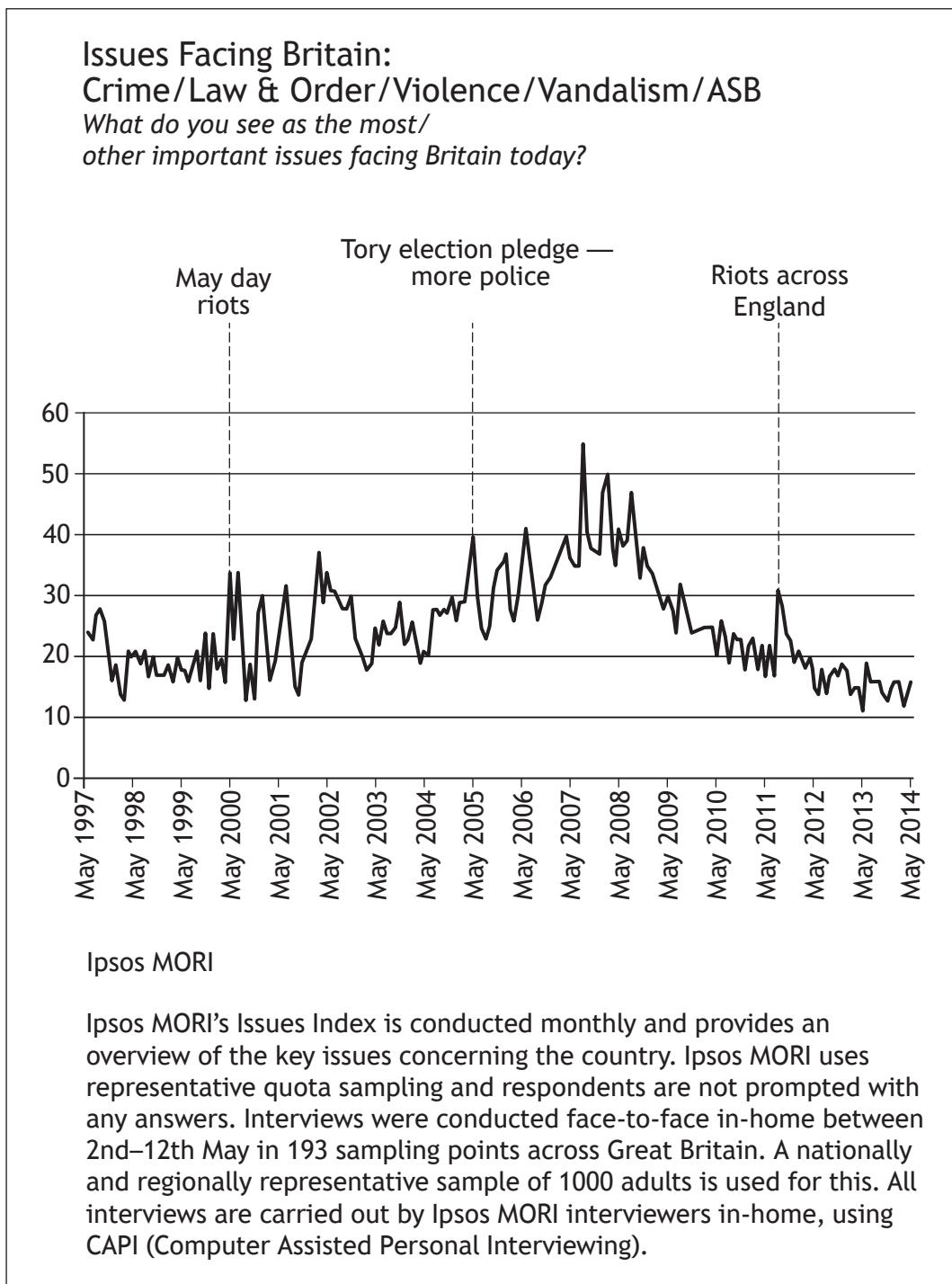
**Question 10**

To what extent can **Source B** be considered trustworthy?

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Question 10 (continued)

Source B



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**SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES, SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND RESEARCH METHODS — 90 marks****Part A — Attempt TWO questions — 60 marks****Question 11 — Understanding social inequality**

‘Differences in income are the main cause of inequality in society.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Question 12 — Impact of inequality**

‘Inequality is society’s greatest challenge.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Question 13 — Responses to social inequality**

‘Responsibility for overcoming inequality lies with the State.’

Discuss, with reference to the UK/Scotland **and** any other country/countries you have studied.

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**Part B — Attempt BOTH questions — 30 marks****Question 14**

You are researching inequalities within single parent households.

To what extent are surveys more advantageous than official statistics for this investigation?

In your answer you should make reference to relevant examples.

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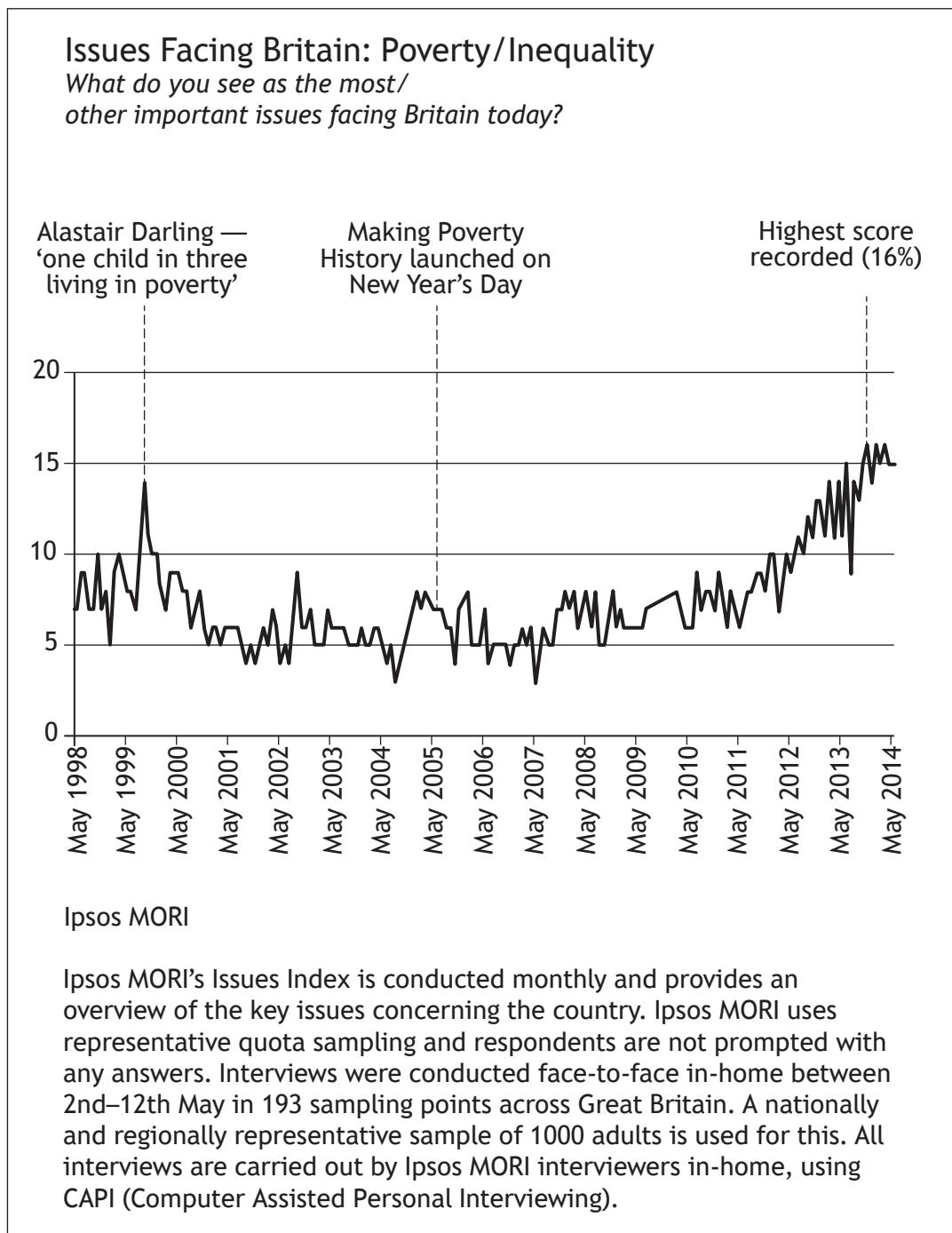
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