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- 1 All questions should be attempted.
- 2 Write your answers in the spaces provided in this book.
- 3 Answer in sentences wherever possible.
- 4 Before leaving the examination room you must give this book to the invigilator. If you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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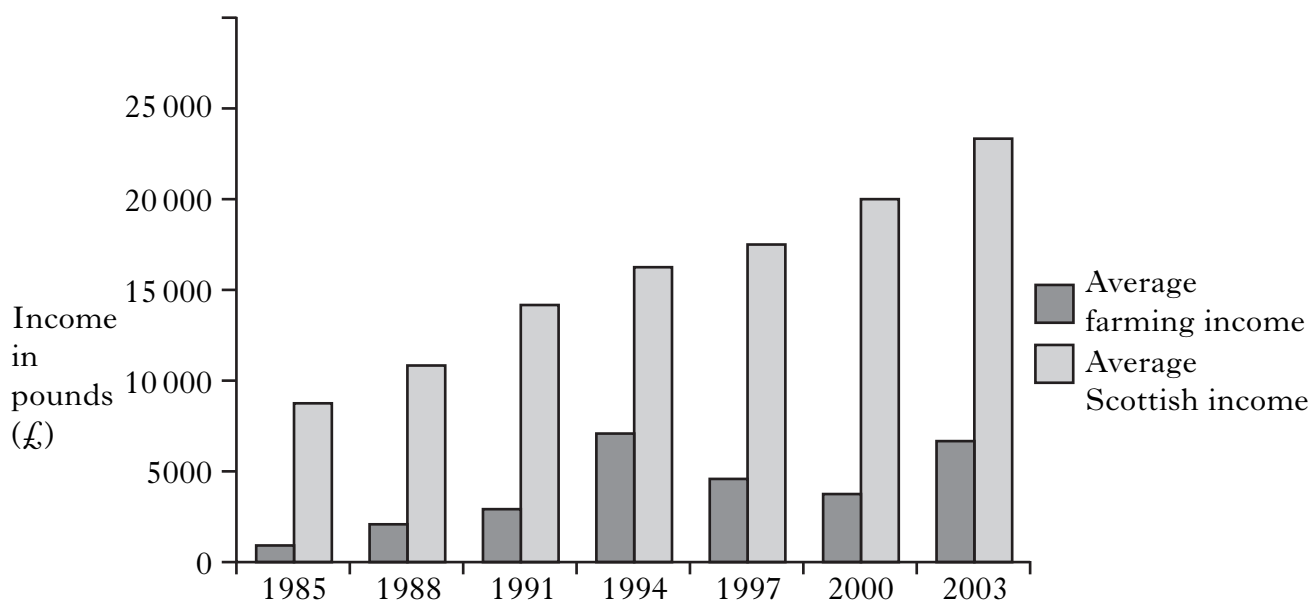
THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Look at the sources below. They give information about modern farming.

Source A

Diversification is the word used to describe ways of increasing farm income either by producing a wider range of crops or animals, or by starting a new business like bed and breakfast, pony trekking or a golf driving range. Recent changes in European Union rules mean that farmers are no longer guaranteed high prices for their produce.

Source B



Source C

Farm income from tourism and other non-farming activities is rising and will continue to rise. Eco-friendly farmers have been encouraged to develop organic production, which is better for the environment and also gives them higher prices. Farm incomes are likely to be increased by government grants for environmental schemes.

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2. Look at the sources below.

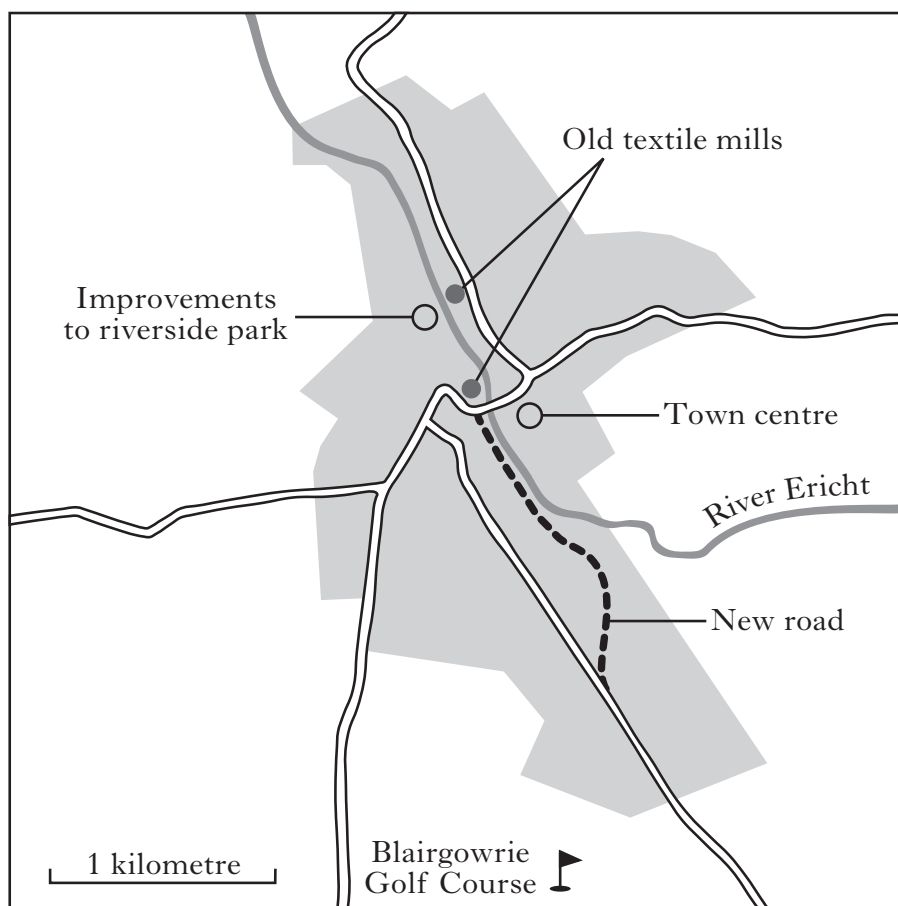
Source A – Changes in Blairgowrie

Blairgowrie is a small market town in the middle of Scotland’s main fruit-growing area. In recent years many of the jobs in this industry have been filled by workers from Eastern Europe, as have many jobs in tourism, which has become increasingly important to the local economy. The nearby Grampian mountains, several local golf courses and the recently-founded Blairgowrie Walking Festival have all helped to boost tourism. The largest employer, however, is probably the new supermarket.

Source B – Keathbank Mill

More and more of the people who live in Blairgowrie are now commuters, with jobs in Perth and Dundee. As a result, there are several new housing estates being built and Keathbank Mill is being converted into luxury apartments. It is one of several 19th century mills built beside the River Ericht. For many years the mills were the main employer, but the last one closed in 1979. Now the enormous waterwheel and steam engine are being restored and kept in the newly-renovated building.

Source C – Map of Blairgowrie

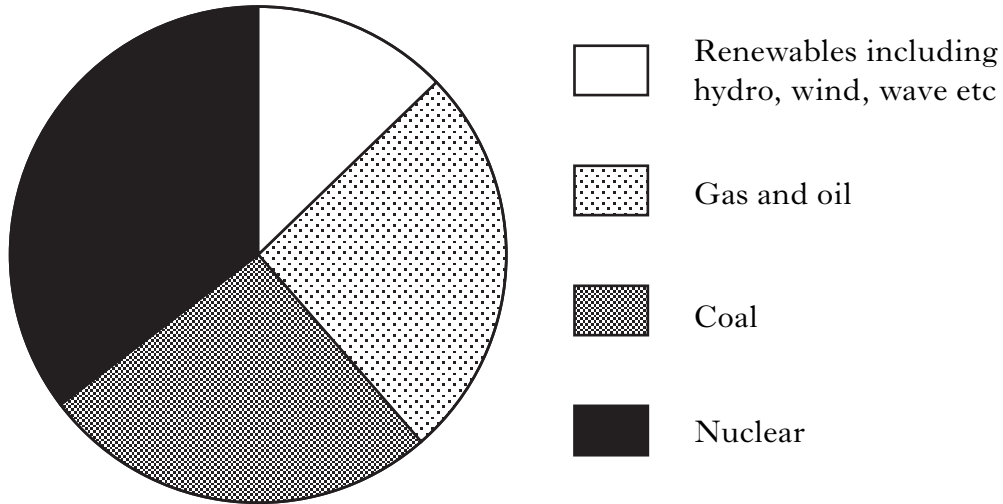


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3. Look at the sources below. They describe some of the ways in which we meet our energy needs.

Source A How electricity is currently generated in Scotland



Source B

Protesters say that wind farms are spoiling the scenery and causing damage to birdlife. However, they do not produce any of the “greenhouse gases” which are causing climate change. Fuel-burning power stations produce these gases, which the government has agreed to cut.

Some say that we could meet over half our energy needs by 2020 from renewable energy if we used tidal and wave-power schemes. Others point out that we would need thousands of wind turbines to produce as much energy as one fuel-burning power station. These power stations also generate electricity 24 hours a day, in all weathers.

Environmentalists point out that water, wind and tide will not run out, unlike coal, oil and gas.

INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

4. Look at the source below. It shows five people discussing their jobs.



MSP

You have to be elected to do my job. I have to be ready to deal with people's problems at all times. The salary is pretty good, especially compared to my last job as a farm labourer.

I needed a university degree to get this job. I don't get paid a lot of money, but I think what I do is important.



Church Minister



Shop Assistant

I'm an assistant at Veronica's Clothes Store. I started here with only a few Standard Grades. I earn the minimum wage and have no chance of promotion.

I am the captain on an Air Alba plane. I had to pass difficult examinations to get my pilot's licence and must pass a medical check up every year. I am very well-paid.



Airline Pilot



Plumber

I run a gas-fitting and plumbing company with six employees. I did an apprenticeship and set up on my own. I now drive a Mercedes and have a big house.

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4. (continued)

- (a) Some people say that having a university degree is the only way to get a well-paid job.

Using the source, give **three** reasons to **disagree** with this point of view.

Reason 1 _____

Reason 2 _____

Reason 3 _____

- (b) From your own knowledge, put each of the following jobs into the correct category.

Put a tick (✓) into the correct column in each case.

Job	Unskilled Manual	Skilled Manual	Non-manual
Church Minister			
Plumber			
Shop Assistant			

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5. Look at the sources below. They give information about changing technology in the home in 1958 and 2008.

Source A Statement by housewife in 1958

“We have all the latest equipment in our house. My washing machine saves a lot of work. All I have to do is put the washing in the machine and then hang it out to dry. The phone is very handy. It’s in the hall. The vacuum cleaner certainly saves a lot of time. I can do the whole house quickly. The television only needs a press of the switch by the screen to give us a choice of the two channels. The fridge keeps the food fresh. I love my new electric cooker. With all these things I’ve plenty of time to do the shopping.”

Source B Saturday morning in the house (2008)



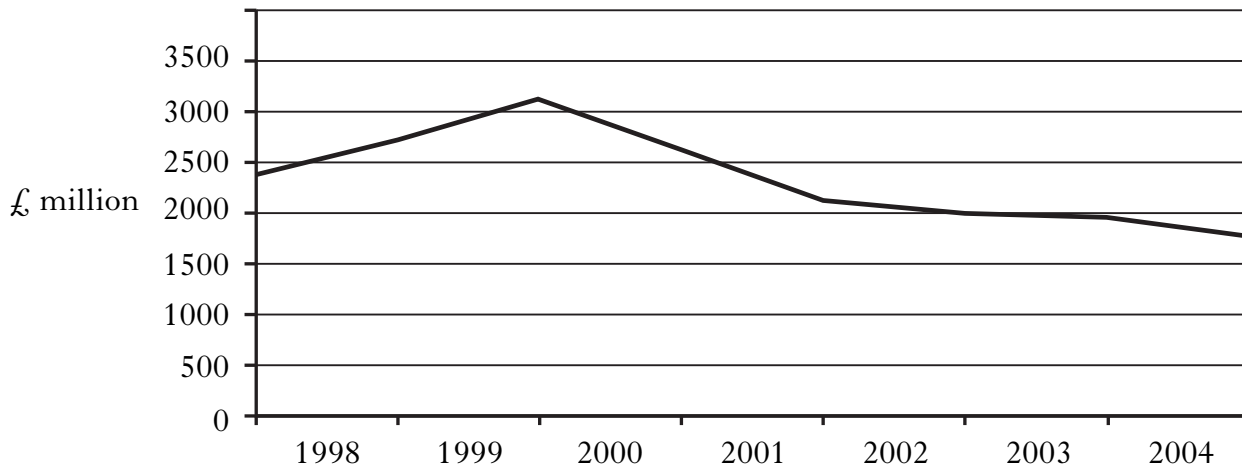
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6. Look at the sources below. They give information about changes in the electronics industry in Scotland.

Source A

Value of electronic goods produced in Scotland 1998–2004



Source B

Towards the end of the 20th century, more and more electronic companies set up in Scotland. They were attracted by low wage costs, a good supply of university graduates and various government incentives. In recent years, more than 40,000 jobs have been lost including suppliers, transport and other services. There was a world-wide drop in demand for electronics, which explains some of the losses. Some of the companies have closed factories in Scotland in order to open factories in countries like China, where wage costs are much lower than in Scotland.

Critics say that the government should have tried to develop our own industry more, rather than encouraging companies from abroad. They say that Scotland has become just a cheap assembly point for Japanese, American and other foreign companies.

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7. Look at the sources below. They give information about skills people can learn in Scotland.

Source A A letter to a Scottish newspaper

Dear Editor,

While on holiday in Spain I was amazed at how many people spoke English. Every waiter, taxi driver and supermarket worker was keen to use English.

Come on Scotland! If you want to do business with the huge Spanish-speaking markets of the world, you have to use their language. Apart from anything else, learning a language helps develop your brain. I am buying a house in Spain and am learning Spanish. We are in the European Union and if everyone here could speak a foreign language it would encourage European tourists to visit Scotland.

Yours etc,

A Payne

Source B A newspaper article

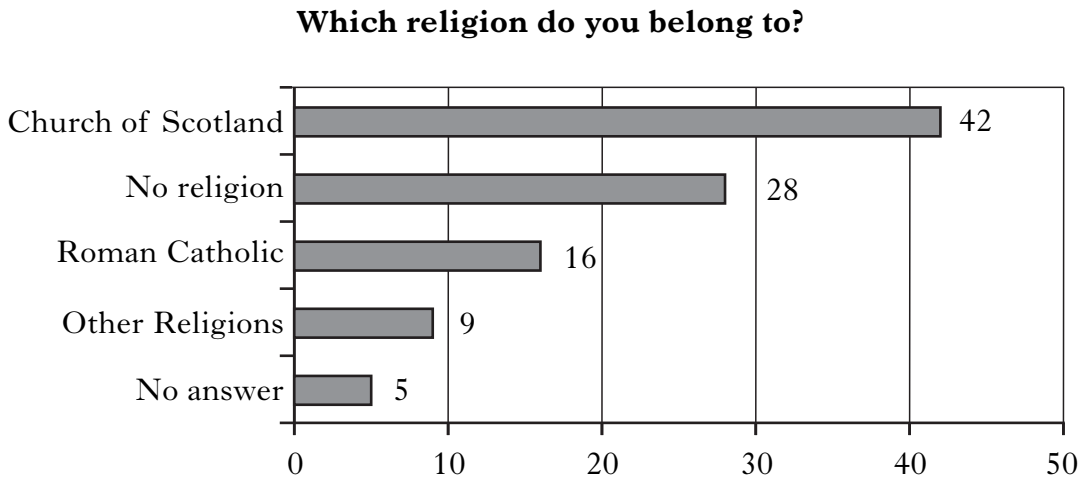
Many Scottish schools encourage pupils to take a foreign language. They believe that this will help them to get work, possibly in Europe.

In one Perthshire school, however, some pupils do not have to learn a foreign language they may never use. Instead they can gain qualifications for working in the countryside. Courses such as gamekeeping, sheep rearing and working with farm machinery are available.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY

8. Look at the sources below. They give information about religion in Scotland.

Source A People's religion (from 2001 Census)



Source B Results from an opinion poll in a Scottish newspaper

	Yes	No
Do you ever attend religious services?	53%	47%
Do you believe in God?	62%	38%
Would you prefer a religious funeral?	62%	38%

Source C Some facts and figures about religion in Scotland

- Nearly 40% of people in the North West of Scotland go to church regularly
- There are over 300 churches lying empty
- Under 11% of the population regularly attend church on Sunday
- Attendance at Sunday Mass in Roman Catholic churches dropped by 19%
- There has been a rise in membership of the smaller religions

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8. (continued)

(a) Do you think the sources suggest that Scotland is a religious country?

Put a tick (✓) in the box of your choice.

YES

NO

From the sources, give **three** reasons for your answer.

Reason 1 _____

Reason 2 _____

Reason 3 _____

(b) Religion is a part of Scottish culture which has changed.

(i) From your own knowledge, give one **other** example of Scottish culture which has changed over the last 50 years.

Example of cultural change _____

(ii) Give **one** reason to explain this change.

Explanation _____

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9. Look at the sources below. They give information about both urban and rural areas in Scotland.

Source A Some recent items from the news

Highland residents get subsidies on air fares

Plans to re-open some small rural railway stations in the Scottish Borders

Many new flats for single people and couples being built in Glasgow

City people buying holiday homes in the countryside puts prices up

Post Office to close small branches in cities and rural areas. Rural post-bus services will be cut

Most houses being sold in Highland villages are being used for holiday homes

All primary schools in the city to be improved or replaced. "No child will have to travel far," promises council

Scotrail plans expansion of commuter belt in Central Scotland

City bus fares to rise again

The Church of Scotland is to close or join churches. Both urban and rural areas affected

Plan to close some rural primary schools. "Much more efficient," says council. Parents complain that journey times will be longer.

Source B A statement by a local councillor in a Highland village

"We need houses that our young people can afford and we need local services to keep our villages alive. It seems to me that people in the cities get a far better deal than we do in the countryside."

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10. Look at the source below. It shows the member states of the European Union and those countries which may join the European Union in the future.

The European Union (2008)



- Countries in the European Union
- Countries which may join the European Union in the near future
- All other countries

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