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Higher Paper 2

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Questions 1 to 4 are based on Sources A to C on pages 2 – 6. Answer Questions 1 to 4 before attempting Question 5.

In Questions 1 to 4 use only the Sources described in each question.

Question 1

Use **only** Source C1, C2 and Source A.

To what extent does the evidence support Ken Dorward?

Ken Dorward states, *“However, since 2007, the number of people on low incomes has risen while the relative value of the NMW in the UK is one of the lowest in the developed world.”*

1 Mark

Source C1 shows he is **correct** as the number of people on low incomes has started to rise from 2007.

1 Mark

But he is **incorrect** with regard to Source C2 as the relative value of the NMW in the UK is **not** one of the lowest in the developed world. The UK lies fourth behind France, Australia and the Netherlands.

1 Mark

Question 2

Use **only** Source C3 and Source A.

Why might Ken Dorward be accused of exaggeration?

Ken Dorward states, *“Few people believe that an £8 per hour NMW will push up wage rates in other areas of employment.”*

1 Mark

Ken exaggerates because Source C3 shows 40% of people surveyed believe a higher NMW will push up wages in other areas of employment. This is highest percentage response.

1 Mark

Question 3

Use **only** Source C4 and Source B.

Why might Christine Kelly be accused of exaggeration?

Christine Kelly states that, *“The UK now has very few households living in poverty compared to other European Union countries.”*

1 Mark

Christine exaggerates because Source C4 shows UK is fourth highest in table just below Greece, Italy and Spain. UK is also above EU average.

1 Mark

Question 4

Use **only** Source C3, C5 and Source B.

To what extent does the evidence support Christine Kelly?

Christine Kelly states, *“Opinion surveys show that the public agree with the idea of a NMW but an £8 NMW but an £8 NMW would have a disastrous affect on a businesses such as hotels and restaurants where the majority of low paid workers are found.”*

1 Mark

Source C3 shows Christine to be **correct** as 85% of people surveyed agreed with the idea of a NMW.

1 Mark

Source C5 shows that she is **incorrect** as only 12% of low paid workers are found in hotels and restaurants.

1 Mark

Note: When answering questions 1 and 4 candidates must quote fully from the sources **and** provide evidence to support and oppose the view.

Total 10 Marks

Question 5

Decision Making Task or Report

You have been asked to prepare a report for the Low Pay Commission in which you recommend or reject a proposal to increase the value of the UK's National Minimum Wage (NMW) to £8 per hour for adult workers.

- Zone Mark: C Pass = 10 or 11
B Pass = 12 or 13
A Pass = 14 and above
- Use the full range of marks
- Do not over-credit answers that simply paraphrase the source information in isolation
- The report **must** feature background knowledge to pass
- Use must be made of all specified sources

Credit

A style appropriate to a report (sub-headings, chapters etc) with:

- an introduction that indicates an awareness of the role to be adopted and makes a clear recommendation
- developed arguments in support of the recommendation
- identification of and comment on (rebuttal of) counter arguments
- provision and use of appropriate background knowledge
- an overall conclusion.

Arguments for the proposal may feature:

- poverty levels rising; help meet poverty targets and end poverty wages
- reduce social inequalities – collectivist approach
- simplified tax and benefit system
- stimulate economy
- make work 'pay' and encourage workforce to become more skilled

Argument against the proposal may feature:

- harm economic recovery; hurt business relative to foreign competition
- unjustified: UK NMW relatively high
- individualist approach best way to tackle poverty and reduce inequality
- employees should be paid only what they are worth
- increase wages across employment levels

Accept, but do not 'check list', background knowledge which may be developed from the following statements:

Source A

- "...government...targets to reduce poverty..."
- "...a collectivist approach..."
- "...the social problems poverty creates..."
- "...extent to which society has become more divided has become all too clear."
- "complicated and costly process of means-tested benefits could be scrapped..."
- "Many politicians believe the NMW is too low."

Source B

- "...worst recession in fifty years..."
- "The rates of pay for the NMW currently ensure there are no poverty wages in this country."
- "...range of benefits and government programmes to support the poorest groups in society."
- "...dependency culture..."
- "multinational companies..."
- "...UK unemployment rates are historically high..."

Other background knowledge may include:

- Number and types of workers currently benefiting from NMW
- Year NMW introduced/details of NMW 16-17 or 18-20
- The individualist/collectivist debate
- Consequences of widening social and economic inequalities
- Extension of adult NMW to 21 year olds 2010

20 Marks

Total 30 Marks

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