

2005 Modern Studies

Higher Paper 2 DM1

Finalised Marking Instructions

These Marking Instructions have been prepared by Examination Teams for use by SQA Appointed Markers when marking External Course Assessments.

DECISION MAKING EXERCISE 1

MARKING SCHEME

Questions 1 to 3 are based on Sources A to C on pages 2 – 5. Answer questions 1 to 3 before attempting Question 4.

In Questions 1 to 3, use only the Sources described in each question.

Question 1

Use **only** Source A and Source B.

Contrast the views of Pat Jones and Terry Chimes on the effects of full implementation of the European Union Working Time Directive.

Pat claims (Source A) *a fully implemented WTD would be of great benefit to British employers and employees alike*, while Terry claims (Source B) *there is no question that a fully implemented WTD would be extremely damaging to the prosperity of both businesses and workers*.

2 Marks

Question 2 (a)

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

To what extent does the evidence support Pat Jones?

The Source A claim that *since the introduction of the WTD, the number of hours in the average working week has increased* is very briefly supported. However, since then, despite fluctuations, the figure remains lower overall than in 1998.

2 Marks

Question 2 (b)

Use **only** Source C2, Source C3 and Source B.

To what extent does the evidence support Terry Chimes?

The Source B claim *since the WTD there has been an overall increase in the proportion of employees working more than 45 hours a week*, is disputed by Source C2 which shows an overall decrease.

However

The Source B claim *with women being more likely to take full advantage of the opt out* is supported by Source C3.

2 marks

Question 3 (a)

Use **only** Source C1 and Source B.

Why might Terry Chimes be accused of exaggeration?

The Source B claim *a majority of our European competitors enjoy a higher standard of living than we do* is exaggerated as Source C1 shows only one (Sweden) of the eight competitors shown, to have a higher GDP.

2 marks

Question 3 (b)

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

Why might Pat Jones be accused of exaggeration?

The Source A view of *the UK having a higher unemployment rate than every other European country* is exaggerated as Source C1 shows only Austria & Netherlands of the eight others to be lower.

2 marks

10 marks

Question 4

You are an adviser to the Department of Trade and Industry. You have been asked to prepare a report in which you recommend or reject the proposal that the Government end the right of UK workers to opt out of the European Union Working Time Directive.

- Zone mark: D = 9 – 9.5 C = 10 – 11.5 B = 12 – 13.5 A = 14+
- Use the full range of marks up to and including 20/20.
- Do not over credit answers that simply describe the Source material in isolation.
- Reports that have no background knowledge must not pass.

Credit

- 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, comment on and rebuttal of counter arguments.
- Synthesis of the Source information.
- Provision and use of appropriate background knowledge.
- An overall conclusion.
- A style appropriate to a report (sub-headings, chapters, etc).

Accept but do not ‘check-list’ Source development:

For ending the right of opt out:

- Pressure on workers to opt out.
- Statistics (C3) suggest women may be under particular pressure to opt out.
- Beneficial effects on family life and health.
- Increased productivity.
- Claims that UK already has a relatively low standard of living unfounded (C1).
- Other well made points.

Against ending the right of opt out:

- Cost to UK industry in terms of flexibility and competitiveness.
- Principle of choice.
- Statistics (C2) dispute claims of pressure on employees to opt out.
- Statistics (C3) show that there has been some take-up of the option.
- Claims that UK has relatively high unemployment rate and needs to create more jobs disputed (C1).
- Other well made points.

Accept but do not ‘check-list’ relevant background knowledge:

- “Family friendly” & “work-life balance” policies eg maternity/paternity leave; childminders; childcare tax credit/tax relief; flexible working.
- National minimum wage.
- Cost to UK industry of proposed new discrimination laws.
- Gender inequality at work and the “glass ceiling”.
- Competition from overseas low wage economies.
- Other points.

20 marks

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]