

2006 Modern Studies

Higher – Paper 2 DME 1

Finalised Marking Instructions

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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 (a)

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

To what extent does the evidence support David McQueen?

David McQueen states that *the share of the population taken up by each age group in the over sixty-fives is set to keep on increasing for the foreseeable future (1)*.

Source C1 shows this to be true for those aged 75+ but not for those aged 65-74 (1).

2 Marks

Question 1 (b)

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

To what extent does the evidence support Lisa Newman?

Lisa Newman states that *in relation to our European and non-European competitors, our state benefits take up a smaller share of our Gross National Product (1)*.

Source C2 shows that our benefits take up a smaller share than, for example, France or Germany, but take up a larger share than, for example, Canada or the USA (1).

2 Marks

Question 2 (a)

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

Why might David McQueen be accused of exaggeration?

David McQueen states that *an overwhelming majority of the over-50s intend to remain in paid employment well past any retirement date (1)*.

Source C3 shows that he is exaggerating as only 50% of over-50s plan to stay in work beyond retirement age (1).

2 Marks

Question 2 (b)

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

Why might Lisa Newman be accused of exaggeration?

Lisa Newman states that *most companies also have policies in place to deal with ageist attitudes in the workplace (1)*.

Source C3 shows that only 32% of companies have a policy to deal with ageism (1).

2 Marks

Question 3

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

Contrast the views of David McQueen and Lisa Newman on the circumstances in which people would end their working days if compulsory retirement ages were abolished.

David McQueen states that *they could now retire with dignity* whereas Lisa Newman states that *they would leave with the sack instead of a presentation and goodwill*.

**2 Marks
(10)**

Question 4

You are an adviser to the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). You have been asked to prepare a report in which you recommend or reject the proposal that the Government abolish the right of UK employers to set compulsory retirement ages.

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 Source material.
- Provision and use of appropriate background knowledge.
- A style appropriate to a report (sub-headings, chapters, etc).
- An overall conclusion.

Arguments for the proposal may feature:

- Possibility of increased financial burden on a reduced workforce.
- Legal entitlement to work.
- Helps provide for future financial security.
- Changes in lifestyle.
- Monitoring and evaluation methods to 'retire' unsuitable workers already in place.
- Increase in tax revenues/decrease in benefit expenditure.

Arguments against the proposal may feature:

- Cost to GDP unlikely to change in the future.
- Costs involved in employing older workers.
- Existing flexible attitude to working beyond retirement.
- Importance of a balanced, dynamic workforce.
- Social inclusion policies have helped minimise employment record gaps.
- The requirement to maintain a competitive edge.

Credit, but do not 'check list', background knowledge, developed from source material references to:

Source A:

- *a demographic time bomb (Line 1)*
- *a variety of factors have made it difficult ... to save for their future (Lines 11/12)*
- *choice in other areas of social policy (Line 24).*

Source B:

- *ageist attitudes in the workforce (Line 12)*
- *gaps in their employment record (Lines 20)*
- *social inclusion policies (Line 21).*

“Original” background knowledge may feature:

- Problems of funding the welfare state and the pensions crisis.
- Existence of poverty (including pensioner poverty) in the UK.
- Government schemes to combat social exclusion.
- Increased use of means testing.
- Other relevant points.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zone Mark: D award = 9-9.5 C pass = 10-11.5 B pass = 12-13.5 A pass = 14+• Use the full range of marks up to and including 20/20• Do not over credit answers that simply paraphrase the source information in isolation• The report must feature background knowledge to pass |
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(20)

Total 30 marks

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]