Candidate 1 evidence

Modern Studies National 5 Research Sheet			
Candidate Name		Scottish Candidate Number	

Source A
Date published: 29/10/24
Author: Census
Link:
https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/earningsandworkinghours/bulletins/genderpaygapintheuk/2024

Source B
Date published: 04/03/25
Author: Uk parliament
Link: https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/sn01250/

Source C
Date published: NO DATE
Author: BBC bitesize
Link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqr3y4j/revision/5

Source D
Date published: 13/6/23
Author: Kevin Scott, STV News
Link:
https://news.stv.tv/west-central/glasgow-city-council-leader-susan-aitken-announces-final-settlements-in-historic-equal-pay-row#:~:text=Scotland%27s%20largest%20council%20agreed%20last,new%20pay%20and%20grading%20system

Source E
Date published: last updated: 1/4/25
Author: mygov.scot
Link: https://www.mygov.scot/childcare-costs-help/funded-early-learning-and-childcare

Source F
Surveyed carried out on 3/10/25.

Questions:

1. How old are you?
2. What gender are you?
3. Do you think the government is doing enough to tackle gender inequality?
4. Do you know any government policies that have been introduced to tackle gender inequality?
5. Do you think there is complete gender equality in the UK?
6. Why do you think women are paid less than men?

Research topic/issue:

Describe the purpose/aims of your research.

Question: Is Gender inequality still a problem in the UK?

Aim 1: The extent of gender inequality in the UK

Aim 2: Government responses to gender inequality

Aim 3: Public opinion

Research methods: **10 marks**

For two methods of research you have used to collect information during your assignment, you should comment on:

- why you chose each method for your research
- strengths and any weaknesses of each research method
- how you could do things differently

You should refer to the evidence for each research method which you have noted on your research sheet.

BBC- Source C

I chose to use the BBC because it had relevant information about my topic.

One strength of using the BBC is that the information is balanced meaning there is no agenda behind it. It aims to inform the audience rather than influence making the information more reliable.

Another strength of the BBC is that the articles provides more links. This means I can do further research on my topic and improve my understanding as I can find more facts.

One weakness of using the BBC is that the articles don't have a date. This means that some articles could be over 2 months old making it unreliable and outdated as views could have changed.

Another weakness of using the BBC is that I spent a long time reading through the article as someone else created it. This means that I wasted a lot of time reading through unnecessary information until I finally found something that is relevant to my topic.

Next time, I would use an article that has a date so I can verify the views/facts aren't outdated.

Survey - Source F

I chose to use a survey because I wanted to find out other peoples opinions on gender inequality.

One strength of using a survey is that I created it using google forms which put the data collected into a pie chart for me. This saved me a lot of time as I was able to quickly gather information on other peoples opinions as the data was easy to interpret as it was easy to read.

Another strength of using a survey is that I used a lot of open ended questions such as "explain your answer".

One weakness is that the survey is only made for people in my class who are about the same age group, so its not a wide variety of ages/views.

Another weakness is that a lot of my friends completed the survey and they asked me what I wanted the results to be. This made the data inaccurate as its not their true opinion.

Next time I would share my survey with all my friends and family so its not just people around the same age group, and I would ensure that they put answers based solely on their true opinions.

Research findings: **6 marks**

Describe and explain the main findings of your research. You should refer to the research evidence on your research sheet.

Aim 1 - The extent of gender inequality in the UK

I have learned from source A that the gender pay gap has decreased from 7.5% in April 2023 to 7% in April 2024.

I have also learned from source A that women are less likely to be employed full time with a rate of 61% compared to men 85% in 2024.

I have learned from source B that in the House of Commons, women make up only 40% of MPs and 30% lords.

Aim 2 - Government responses to gender inequality

I have learned from source C that in 2010, the UK parliament passed the equality act which strengthened and replaced all existing equal opportunities laws.

I have learned from source D that the Glasgow City Council has agreed to pay around £770m to settle equal claims between genders and the implementation of a new pay grading system.

I have learned from source E that in Scotland, children aged 3-5 year old can get up to 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare a year.

Aim 3 - Public opinion

My survey is source F.

From my survey, 100% of people are under the age of 18. 57.1% of people are female, and 42.9% are male. 57.1% of people think that the government isn't doing enough to tackle gender inequality and 42.9% of people think that the government is doing enough. 0% of people think there is complete gender equality in the UK.

Research conclusions: **4 marks**

What conclusions have you reached about your research topic or issue?

Research Conclusion:

Gender inequality is still a problem in the UK.

Conclusion for Aim 1

A conclusion for aim 1 is that recently the gender pay gap has decreased by 0.5%. Although the gender pay gap has decreased slightly, women are still a lot less likely to be employed full time compared to men. Women are also under-represented as women make up less than half of the MPs.

Conclusion for Aim 2

A conclusion for aim 2 is that the uk parliament has passed laws to try and ensure everyone is treated equally. The Glasgow City Council has also agreed to pay a significant amount of money to settle the equal claims between genders, and in Scotland children between the age 3-5 can get up to 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare.

Conclusion for Aim 3

A conclusion for aim 3 is that the majority of people think that the government isn't doing enough to tackle gender inequality. People also think that gender inequality is a problem due to several reasons such as sexism or women needing to take care of their children.

My recommendations:

I think that the government should make maternity leave more equal for women and men as women are entitled to 52 weeks of leave, while most men are entitled to 2 weeks of leave.
I recommend that the government should make both maternity and paternity leave 6 months so its equal and so women can go back to work faster.