

Research commentary 1

TOPIC – DOES GIVING AID MONEY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACTUALLY HELP THEM?

The candidate was awarded **5/6 marks** because ...

The candidate has given all the sources they have used in the research section. The style used gives the URL as a subheading with the reasons for use and explanations of value below. This is an acceptable style.

The URLs have been repeated as an Appendix at the end of the assignment (although in the Appendix the URLs appear in a different order from the main body of the text).

The candidate has given 5 reasons for using the sources, and has been awarded a maximum of 3 marks for this.

The candidate has gained 2 marks for the explanations given about the value of source 1.

The explanation about sources being up-to-date has been repeated for all sources, but has only been awarded a mark for the first time it was given.

No marks have been awarded for stating facts about sources which are not then explained.

(The candidate has not used the correct section heading and therefore did not gain one of the 'Structure' marks.)

Research commentary 2

TOPIC – WOULD LOWERING INCOME TAX AND CORPORATION TAX INCREASE THE UK'S GDP?

The candidate was awarded **4/6 marks** because ...

The candidate has given information about 3 sources in this section. The style used gives the name of the source and references it with a number starting with a '2' as the research section is section 2. This is an acceptable style.

The URLs have been given as an Appendix at the end of the assignment, matching the numbers in the main body of the text.

The candidate gained 3 marks for giving reasons for choosing their sources and 1 mark for explaining the value of their first source.

No mark was given for saying the second website is accurate as the reason 'the Government is a reliable source' is too weak.

(The candidate has used the correct section heading. If all section headings were correct the candidate gained one of the available 'Structure' marks.)

Research commentary 3

TOPIC – WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF AN AGEING POPULATION ON THE UK ECONOMY?

The candidate was awarded **6/6 marks** because ...

The candidate has given a title of the research article, followed by its URL below, followed by the reason for using the source and explanations for use. This is an acceptable style.

The candidate has given 5 reasons for using the sources, and has been awarded a maximum of 3 marks for this.

The candidate has given 5 explanations of the value of the sources, and has been awarded a maximum of 3 marks for this.

(The candidate has used the correct section heading. If all section headings were correct the candidate gained one of the available 'Structure' marks.)