

Landmarks in British history

Tasks (refer to Mock exam text 1)

1. Delineate the various reasons why, according to Roy Hattersley's article, the British monarchy might be at risk.
2. Analyse the terminology Alan Reid, in charge of the Queen's expenses, employs to justify the high cost of the royal household. How does Roy Hattersley succeed in changing the intended effect of Reid's words?
3. Examine the stylistic devices Hattersley uses to make his point more forcefully.
4. Evaluate the term "the myth of monarchy" (ll.45-46). Do you agree with Hattersley that a monarchy cannot be "simultaneously regal and human" (l.47)?
5. Assess the advantages and disadvantages you see in having a hereditary head of state.