

## Landmarks in British history: The monarchy

*This exam refers to the topic "Aspects of Great Britain".*

**Tasks** (refer to Mock exam text 1)

*Work through the following assignments using your own words as far as possible.*

1. Point out the various reasons why, according to Roy Hattersley's article, the British monarchy might be at risk.
2. Examine 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. Analyse the stylistic devices Hattersley uses to make his point more forcefully.
4. Choose one of the following tasks:
  - a) Define the term "the myth of monarchy" (l.45-46). Do you agree with Hattersley that a monarchy cannot be "simultaneously regal and human" (l.47)?
  - b) Which advantages and disadvantages do you see in having a hereditary head of state? Give your personal opinion.