

Our laughter will doom the royals

Tasks (refer to Mock exam text 8)

Task 1: True/false statements

Read the text and decide whether the statements (1–6) are true or false. Tick (✓) the correct answer and give evidence from the text to support your decision. Always give the line(s).

	Statement	True	False
1	In modern times becoming the sovereign of a country should not be a matter of descent.		
Evidence			
2	Even a monarch who feels that they have been anointed by God cares about spending his/her subjects' money in a responsible way.		
Evidence			
3	When defending the Queen's spending, her financial manager used vocabulary similar to that of a sales representative.		
Evidence			
4	Vindicating monarchy with regard to its 'cost effectiveness' does not support its existence.		
Evidence			
5	Being a pundit on different topics qualifies the Prince of Wales to be the successor to the throne, not his inherent qualities.		
Evidence			
6	Justifying the high cost of monarchy by explicitly listing the Queen's expenses endangers it as a whole.		
Evidence			

Task 2: Analysis

- Analyse the stylistic devices which Hattersley uses to make his point more forcefully.
- Analyse the terminology employed by Alan Reid, who is in charge of the Queen's expenses, to justify the high cost of the royal household. How does Roy Hattersley succeed in changing the intended effect of Reid's words?