**The Making of Modern Britain: Section 5 1990-1997**

1. What issues had weakened Margaret Thatcher’s position by 1990? (3 marks)
2. Why did John Major win the Conservative leadership contest? (2 marks)
3. How was John Major able to win the 1992 election? (2 marks)
4. What was Black Wednesday? What impact did it have? (2 marks)
5. What incidents were seen as examples of “Tory sleaze”? (3 marks)
6. What successes did John Major have in Northern Ireland? (2 marks)
7. What was John Smith’s contribution to the development of the Labour Party? (1 mark)
8. Give 3 examples of the growing anti-establishment culture from 1990-1997 (3 marks)
9. What was the Maastricht Treaty? (1 mark)
10. Which country was the main reason for the major conflicts in the 1990s? (1 mark)

/20 marks

**The Making of Modern Britain: Section 5 1987-1997**

**Answer Sheet**

1. What issues had weakened Margaret Thatcher’s position by 1990? (3 marks)

Economy – crash after Big Bang and high inflation; Poll Tax; division over Europe; resignations of Lawson and Howe

1. Why did John Major win the Conservative leadership contest? (2 marks)

Thatcher’s choice of successor “one of us”; dislike of Michael Heseltine and desire of some to enact revenge for Maggie.

1. How was John Major able to win the 1992 election? (2 marks)

Good campaign – “soapbox politics”; Labour not reformed enough yet for voters to feel confident about them.

1. What was Black Wednesday? What impact did it have? (2 marks)

The day Britain was forced to leave the Exchange Rate Mechanism having initially kept raising interest rates to try and keep currency value in correct range. Economic impacts relatively minimal – unemployment slowed down, housing market picked up, exchange rates came down. Political impact more significant – damaged trust in Tory ability to manage economy.

1. What incidents were seen as examples of “Tory sleaze”? (3 marks)

Sex scandals – Tim Yeo, David Mellor; Corruption – perjury convictions for Jeffrey Archer and Jonathan Aitken over illegal arms dealing; cash for questions – Neil Hamilton and Mohammed Al Fayed

1. What successes did John Major have in Northern Ireland? (2 marks)

1993 Downing Street Declaration – demonstrated good relationship between Major and Irish Taoiseach Reynolds

1994 IRA ceasefire

Peace process continued even with bombings in Canary Wharf and Manchester.

1. What was John Smith’s contribution to the development of the Labour Party? (1 mark)

Abolished trade union block vote by introducing OMOV, One Member One Vote

1. Give 3 examples of the growing anti-establishment culture from 1990-1997 (3 marks)

Increasing criticism of the monarchy – Windsor Castle fire repairs, extramarital affairs splashed over tabloids; the arts with artists in the YBA eg Tracey Emin, Damian Hirst; free party rave acid house culture in the late 80s and early 90s

1. What was the Maastricht Treaty? (1 mark)

Treaty designed to deal with the expansion of EEC – creation of EU and conditions for single currency etc.

1. Which country was the main reason for the major conflicts in the 1990s? (1 mark)

Yugoslavia