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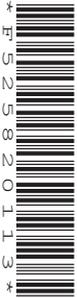
AS GCE CRITICAL THINKING

F502/01/RB Assessing and Developing Argument
F502/02/RB

RESOURCE BOOKLET

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Long Live the Monarchy

Monarchy is good for the UK. Long-reigning monarchs give continuity, which benefits the UK. For example, Elizabeth II has worked with 12 different British prime ministers and 12 presidents of the USA since she became Queen. Some have argued that continuity is not necessarily a good thing because change brings progress. However, change can make things worse and constant change is disruptive. Even a weak head teacher who remains in post for many years is better than a new head teacher every term. In the same way, a long-reigning monarch is preferable to a series of presidents.

1

The monarchy is good value for money. It does not cost us very much. The Queen costs us only a tiny 69p per person per year, a little more than a bag of crisps. We should be prepared to pay a small price for anything that benefits the country.

2

The monarchy generates income for the country by attracting tourists to the UK. The British Tourist Authority has stated that the monarchy generates well over £500 million a year from overseas tourists. Every day, thousands of people can be seen outside Buckingham Palace, presumably waiting for a glimpse of a member of the royal family.

3

Opponents of monarchy argue that in a democracy we should be able to choose the Head of State, not have the eldest child of the previous reigning monarch imposed on us. Their views should be dismissed as the rantings of disrespectful and ungrateful people. A monarch will have more expertise than any elected president because a monarch will have been trained from birth to be Head of State.

4

The monarchy is the best form of government, otherwise it would not have survived for so long. The monarchy is one of the few things that unites the United Kingdom, and unity is a good thing. The countries of Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales differ greatly, with different educational and legal systems and even different languages. As Head of State in all of these countries, our monarch symbolises our shared history, heritage and culture.

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