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LEVEL 2 AWARD THINKING AND REASONING SKILLS

B902/01 Unit 2 Thinking and Reasoning Skills Case Study

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR supplied materials:

- Resource Booklet (B902/01/RB)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **60**.
- Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in questions 17 and 18.
- This document consists of **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

SECTION A – Thinking through the documents

You are advised to spend no more than 40 minutes on this Section. It is worth 40 marks.

Answer ALL the questions in this Section.

In this section you will be required to use all your reasoning, evaluation, information processing and creative thinking skills on the documentary sources.

When it is necessary to refer to one specific source in order to answer the question, you will be directed to that source.

1 In Document 6, Barry Potter provides the following argument:

*The Pendle Witches were obviously just uneducated folk who had strange beliefs that made sense at the time. Just because they **thought** they had special powers, doesn't mean they did. So, the educated people that tried and convicted them ought to have known better than to sentence them to death. We should all support a pardon.*

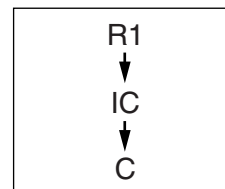
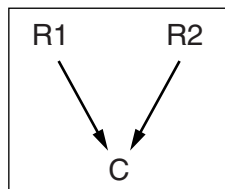
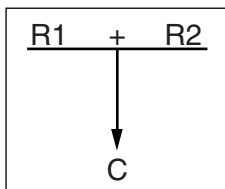
Mark up Barry's argument in the box above to show the different argument components:

- (a) Underline the conclusion. [1]
- (b) Circle **one** conclusion indicator word. [1]
- (c) Put brackets around the intermediate conclusion. [1]

2 In Document 6, Jenny Wart provides the following argument:

We should only pardon people who were originally found guilty if there is new evidence that wasn't available at the time. We don't have any new evidence to suggest that they weren't responsible for those people's deaths and illnesses, so we should leave things as they are.

(a) Circle the map which best fits the argument above.



[1]

(b) Explain your choice.

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 [2]

- 3 In Document 9, Greg states *'the last campaign in 2008 was unsuccessful because there was no new evidence'*.

Which **one** of the following correctly describes this statement? Tick the correct response.

Argument	
Explanation	
Rant	
List of information	

[1]

- 4 In Document 7, Gordon Prentice is quoted as saying, "It was a terrible miscarriage of justice. It's a pity we cannot right a wrong" and in Document 9, Florrie says "It's about time justice was done for the living descendants of the witches who were hanged."

Which **one** of the following best describes the way the word 'justice' has been used in these statements? Tick the correct response.

Making sure wrongdoing is punished	
Treating people equally	
Treating people fairly	
Treating people in accordance with the law	

[1]

- 5 In Document 9, Florrie provides the following argument:

Also, I read recently about a situation in Germany where 169 pardons were issued for people executed for witchcraft in the 17th century, so we should do the same.

What assumption is Florrie making in this argument?

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..... [1]

6 In Document 6, Sarah Hagg provides the following argument:

Most people do not believe in witchcraft anymore, so it can't be true.

(a) Which **one** of the following best describes the problem with her reasoning? Tick the correct response.

Irrelevant appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flaw	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loaded language	<input type="checkbox"/>

[1]

(b) Explain your answer.

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..... [1]

7 In Document 6, Geoff Broom provides the following argument:

If we were to issue a pardon, then relatives of everyone who has ever committed a crime will start petitioning for pardons and people will stop trusting legal decisions and before we know it no-one will accept verdicts and we'll have anarchy on our hands.

Which **one** of the following correctly names the flaw? Tick the correct response.

Ad hominem	<input type="checkbox"/>
False dilemma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slippery slope	<input type="checkbox"/>
Straw man	<input type="checkbox"/>

[1]

8 In Document 6, John Wand provides the following argument, which contains a counter-argument:

A trial took place according to the laws of the time and the ones who were found guilty were punished according to the punishments of the time. Although it can be argued that those laws and punishments are outdated because they no longer make sense, it just isn't right to reverse decisions that were made all that time ago, when we no longer have the same evidence in front of us. It is disrespectful to the people who made those decisions then.

(a) Underline the counter-argument in the box. [1]

(b) Give **two** reasons of your own that would support this counter-argument.

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9 In Document 6, C Aldren uses an analogy:

A pardon would help to apologise to the descendants of those poor people. When a newspaper prints a story which later turns out not to be true, they publish an apology. So, now that we know there is no such thing as witchcraft, we should pardon the people who were hanged for it.

This analogy compares newspapers printing an apology for a false story to granting a pardon to those hanged for witchcraft.

Identify and explain **two** key weaknesses in this analogy.

(a) First weakness:

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(b) Second weakness:

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..... [2]

10 In Document 4, Rachel Turner explains many strange events at Malkin Farm as brought about by the ghost of Old Mother Demdike. For each of the following events, give **one** plausible alternative explanation.

(a) Event: Doors closed by themselves at Malkin Farm.

Alternative Explanation:
..... [1]

(b) Event: The children failed to dig up anything ‘witch-related’.

Alternative Explanation:
..... [1]

11 Explain why Rachel Turner’s description of ‘*strange occurrences*’ at Malkin Farm in Document 4 might be weakened by **vested interest**.

Explanation:
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..... [2]

12 In Document 1, there is a list of evidence that would once have been used to prove that someone was guilty of witchcraft.

Identify **one** weakness in each of the following pieces of evidence for proving if someone was a witch:

- A confession from the ‘witch’ (sometimes after sleep deprivation and other methods of torture);
- A testimony from another witch swearing that the accused was a witch;
- The accused having pets with which they communicated.

(a) Confession

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..... [1]

(b) Testimony from another witch

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(c) The accused having pets with which they communicated

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..... [1]

13 In Document 3b, we are given a transcript of Old Mother Demdike giving evidence against Old Mother Chattox and her daughter.

Using **two** credibility criteria, explain why her account against them might not be credible.

Old Mother Demdike's credibility is weakened by:

(a)
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..... [2]

(b)
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- 14 Table 14.1 (below) gives a list of statements **A** to **F**. Place the letter for each statement in the appropriate area of the Venn Diagram to show which witness gave evidence (in Document 3) consistent with each statement:

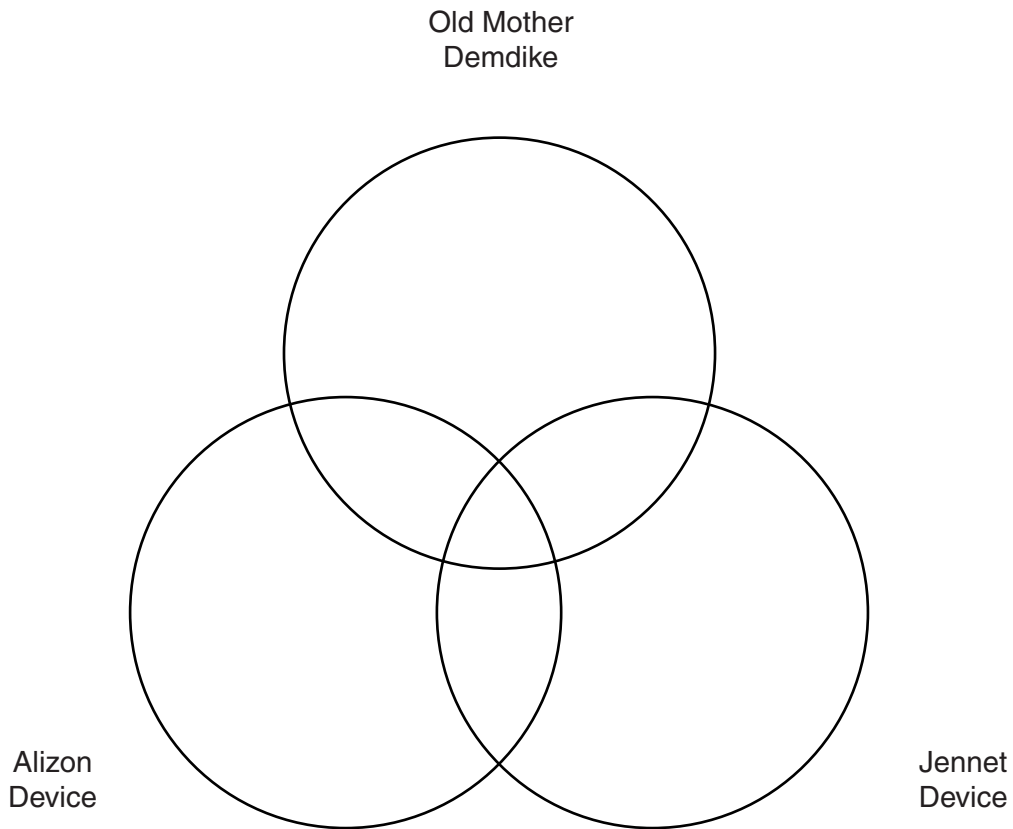


Table 14.1

A	Richard Baldwin did not want Old Mother Demdike on his land.
B	Elizabeth Device was responsible for John Robinson's death.
C	Old Mother Chattox and her daughter made clay images of the Nutter family.
D	Devils can appear in the shape of a dog.
E	Old Mother Demdike caused the death of Richard Baldwin's daughter.
F	Witchcraft involves communicating with devils.

[6]

15 The testimonies given in Document 3 provide evidence that led to the execution of the Pendle Witches. This evidence includes:

- Both Alizon and Old Mother Demdike claimed to have made a deal with a devil to sell their souls in exchange for supernatural powers and to have communicated with a devil at different times about taking revenge on others.
- The pedlar '*fell down lame*' and Richard Baldwin fell ill and later died, and in both cases the event followed a quarrel with one of the Demdike women.

On the basis of the above, the hypothesis reached at the time was that:

Alizon and Old Mother Demdike had special powers gained from their deals with devils **and** were therefore able to cause death and harm by witchcraft.

Give **two** other hypotheses of your own which provide different ways of interpreting both pieces of evidence given above.

(a) Hypothesis 1:

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(b) Hypothesis 2:

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SECTION B – Thinking to a conclusion based on reasons and evidence

Allow approximately 20 minutes for this Section. It is worth 20 marks.

Answer ALL the questions in this Section.

In this section you will be required to use all your reasoning, evaluation, information processing and creative thinking skills to come to a reasoned decision or conclusion.

You may use any of the documents for evidence and information to support your argument.

16 In Document 6, Ivor Nute provides the following argument:

It doesn't make sense to be worrying about something that happened all those years ago when there are so many things that we should care about in the present. You should all get a life and start thinking about things that really matter like global warming and the state of the developing world.

The following claim could be made to challenge his reasoning:

We should care about things that happened in the past

Give **two** reasons to support this claim:

(a) Reason 1:

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..... [2]

(b) Reason 2:

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..... [2]

18 Write a letter to the local newspaper including a brief reasoned argument to **oppose** the use of the Pendle Witches' story to attract tourists to the area. Your argument should include:

- a clear conclusion;
- two developed reasons.

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ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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