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**TEXT 1**

White Britons make up 88.2% of the population. The Indian population is the largest non-white ethnic group accounting for 1.8% of the population. Black Caribbeans account for 1% of the population. Detailed analysis of ethnic minorities shows how many are now second, third and even fourth generation immigrants. 57% of Black Caribbeans were born in the UK, alongside 55% of Pakistanis, 46% of Bangladeshis and 45% of Indians. Outside major cities, many areas remain predominantly white British.

Source: Census 2001, Office for National Statistics, [www.statistics.gov.uk](http://www.statistics.gov.uk)

**TEXT 2****Archbishop warns of “crisis” in modern childhood**

The Archbishop of Canterbury today warned family separations and commercial pressures are causing a crisis in modern childhood. Dr Rowan Williams says a new generation of young parents fail to offer the right example to their children who in turn are becoming “infant adults”. He was supported by a number of academics and teachers who have highlighted the growing incidence of childhood depression warning that poor diet, the rise of video games at the expense of outdoor play and modern education were stifling the natural creativity of many youngsters.

Extract from The Independent, 18 September 2006

**TEXT 3****Nation urged to join UK’s first inquiry on childhood**

The Children’s Society launches the UK’s first independent national inquiry into childhood today. Research conducted with 6,000 young people for the launch of the inquiry challenges assumptions that today’s youth are only interested in material possessions. The two most commonly mentioned words when asked about a good childhood were family and friends. Young people emphasised terms such as the “importance of being loved and supported” and “being treated with fairness and respect by others”.

Extract from The Children’s Society, 18 September 2006

**TEXT 4**

**Childhood:** a state which is both socially and chronologically determined.

Source: *Complete A-Z Sociology Handbook*, T Lawson and J Garrod

FIG. 1

## Fertility rates

Age group (years)	Births per 1,000 women
30-34	99.1
25-29	98.0
20-24	71.5
Under 20	26.7

Source: Social Trends 2006

## TEXT 5

The most popular age to have a baby has passed 30 for the first time. In every age group under 30 the birth rate is falling but in every age group over 30 it is rising. The fastest rise has been in births to women over 45.

Extract from Jeremy Laurance, *Most babies in Britain now born to women in their early thirties*, 27 February 2007 © The Independent

## TEXT 6

**Six thousand women missing from boardroom, politics and courts.  
Glass ceiling hampers access to 33,000 top jobs.**

Headline from The Guardian, 27 February 2007

FIG. 2

## Number of unmarried couples

Unmarried couples	Year
2 million	2003
3.8 million	2031 (prediction)

Source: Office for National Statistics, [www.statistics.gov.uk](http://www.statistics.gov.uk)

FIG. 3

## Average age of marriage for those marrying for the first time

Male	Female	Year
25.6 years	23.1 years	1961
30.5 years	28.2 years	2000

Source: Office for National Statistics, [www.statistics.gov.uk](http://www.statistics.gov.uk)

## TEXT 7

**Unmarried parents are damaging society, says Conservative Party report**

The Breakdown Britain Report published by the Social Justice Policy Group says nearly one in two cohabiting parents split up before their child's fifth birthday, compared to one in 12 married parents. The report put the cost of split families at £20bn a year and suggested that such families cause major social problems.

Extract from Will Woodward, *Unmarried parents are damaging society, says Conservative report*, 11 December 2006 © Guardian News & Media Ltd 2006

## TEXT 8

- Two thirds of local councils only offer services to those with “substantial” or “critical” needs
- Informal carers are increasingly bearing the burden of care of the elderly
- 4.7 million people are carers with almost one million working more than 50 hours a week
- Numbers in council supported residential homes has fallen from 278,000 to 267,000
- There is a growing element of “postcode lottery” in the provision of home care
- The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase by more than 80% to almost 17 million in the first half of this century; the number of those 85 and over is expected to double to more than 1.8 million by 2028
- In 20 years the number of people needing care will be 53% higher than today

Extracts from *State of social care in England 2005-06*, Commission for Social Care Inspection, 08 January 2007

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