

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH SOCIETY ESSAY TITLES

- 1. “British society is unequal and divided by class and wealth.” Discuss.**
- 2. On June 2nd 1953, Britain celebrated the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. How has British society changed since 1953? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 3. Irish people and people from the Caribbean came to England in the 1950s. In fifty years, how well have black and Irish people adapted to British society? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 4. In the 1960s, England became a fashionable country with a trendy capital, ‘Swinging London’, with Mary Quant, The Kings Road, The Beatles, The Who and Mods and Hippy fashions and student sit-ins. But did British Society change? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 5. Men and women, young and old, and sometimes whole families, are homeless in Britain today. How do the state and charities like Shelter deal with the problem? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 6. In Britain today, is poverty a cause of crime? If people have good housing, jobs, good education, good health and belong to society, will crime go down? Or is there an ‘underclass’ that will always commit crime? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 7. “Britain is divided by education and class”. Is this true? Is it less true than it was in the past? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 8. British youth feel alienated from society, especially from London. What future do millennials have in British society? What can the government do to make young people feel they have a future in Britain? Discuss, with examples from the course and from your own research.**
- 9. Your own suggestion. First, come and talk to me if you want to write about a different topic.**

Contemporary British Society term essays –**● Rules**

- 1 1,000 or more of your own words in English with no spelling mistakes.**
- 2 Essays must be typed using a pc. No machine translations**
- 3 You can use illustrations, charts or photographs**
- 4 Deadline: teacher will explain in class**
- 5. No essay or late essay = no grade**

● Format

Top of page 1: Name, student number, the date, the course title and your essay title. Indent all paragraphs

● Organisation

Essays must follow this model:

- 1. **Introduction**:** introduce the subject of the essay, say why it is important, or why it is controversial, or why it is interesting.
- 2. **Thesis**:** Write what you believe is the true situation. Give your opinion, but give facts and figures as well.
- 3. **Antithesis**:** Now write the opposing argument to yours. Give other opinions, and give some of their facts and figures if you want to.
- 4. **Conclusion**:** Summarise the arguments supporting your opinion (in Thesis) and the arguments against your opinion (in Antithesis). Make your conclusion.

● References

If you mention a book, or a source you must give details in References section at the end of your essay. If you cite the course handouts, say so (but don't just copy course material). If you got information from the Internet, give the url and the name of the website (maximum 40% internet sources).

● Research

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