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You will need: Insert (enclosed)

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- The total mark for this paper is 70.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the sources referred to in the questions.

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Read the information in the insert and answer **all** questions.

1 Study Sources 1 to 3.

- (a)** Identify the percentage of the world's wealth that is owned by the richest 1 per cent of the population, from Source 1.

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- (b)** Identify **two** causes of income inequality, from Source 2.

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- (c)** Which cause of income inequality do you think is the most significant? Explain why.

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(d) Explain why economic inequality is an important national issue.

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2 Study Source 3.

(a) 'The best way to reduce economic inequality is to increase employment.'

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the argument supporting this claim?

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- (b)** 'People who work are less likely to be in poverty.'

How could you test this claim? You may consider the types of information, sources of evidence or methods you might use.

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3 Study Source 4.

- (a)** Identify an example of a vested interest in Source 4. Explain why this is a vested interest.

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- (b)** Ivan is arguing that the best way to reduce inequality is to reform the taxation and benefit system.

- (i)** Identify **one** prediction from Ivan's statement.

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- (ii)** Explain how well this prediction supports Ivan's argument.

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4 A government wants to reduce income inequality in their country.

The following actions are being considered:

- spend more money on training and job creation
- increase the amount of tax paid by people with high incomes
- introduce more sustainable development policies.

Which **one** of these actions would you recommend to the government, and why?

In your answer, you should:

- state your recommendation
- give reasons and evidence to support your choice
- use the material in the sources and/or any of your own ideas
- consider different arguments and perspectives.

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