Source 1

A man who was living here suffered terribly from the scarlet fever, and no sooner did he get better from it than he was ill with typhus. Since then he has lost his child from cholera, and his wife is suffering from that same disease. The only wonder is that they are not all dead, for if he put his hand up to the wall, it would be covered with the soil of his neighbour's privy.

Henry Mayhew, London Characters 1874.

Source 2

In one house in Glasgow an investigator found several women under a blanket, because the other members of the family were wearing the household's clothes at this time.

From a 1996 school textbook.



Source 3 Orange Court, London (1860s) by Gustave Doré



Source 4

Sickening filth are everywhere...a horde of ragged women and children swarm about the streets and they are just as filthy as the pigs which wallow happily on the heaps of garbage and the pools of filth. One privy is shared by about 120 people.

Friedrich Engels who visited Manchester in the 1840s.





Source 5

A photograph of an ideal Victorian family, taken from a BBC website.



Questions

1. What can you learn from source 1?

This question wants to know what information you can get from the source. Try to use a quotation.

I can learn from source 1 that

2. What impression of the way people lived do you get from source 5?

This guestion wants to know what the picture makes you think. Try to describe some parts of the picture in your answer.

The impression I get from source 5 is that.....

3. Can you trust source 3?

This question is about whether the source is true and accurate.

I think you can/can't trust source 3 because...

4. Do sources 4 and 5 agree with each other?

This question is asking if the sources say similar or different things. Remember to discuss both sources in the answer.

I think sources 4 and 5 do/don't agree. Because......

5. Extended answer:

"All people in the 1830s lived in terrible conditions."

How far do you agree with this statement?

This is an essay style question. Try to do a two sided answer. You will get better marks if you use quotations.

On the one hand I agree that everyone lived in terrible conditions because......

On the other hand, I don't agree that everyone lived in terrible conditions because.....

