**SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO A-LEVEL TRANSITION**

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| **Subject: A-Level Politics** |
| **Title: Has Keir Starmer had a successful first year as Prime Minister?** |
| **Task:**  The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP  Sir Keir Starmer became Prime Minister on 5 July 2025 after the general election, winning 411 out of a possible 650 seats (albeit with only 34% of the votes and on a turnout of 60% of registered voters). How has his Labour government performed since? What have been its successes and failures? Overall, would you argue that Keir Starmer has had a successful first year as Prime Minister?  In A Level Politics you are required to weigh up different arguments and to come to your own conclusions. You are going to do about 40 minutes of research and then write up your view to the question above. A number of issues have been selected for you below with hyperlinks.  **Please bring Task B to your first Politics class, handwritten on A4 paper with your name on it.**  **Task A: Research**  Use the hyperlinks provided *only* to research each issue and take notes on your own version of the table below. For each issue you can make notes under **either** one column (successful/unsuccessful) **or** both, depending on what you read.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | [Labour’s manifesto](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cyxx1lq50nlo) |  | | | **Issue** | **Shows Labour have been successful** | **Shows Labour has been unsuccessful** | | [Winter fuel payments](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c79e0qq3r31o) |  |  | | [Gifts row](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn7yeydd42jo) |  |  | | [Minimum wage](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5y37wqnvwxo)  [Zero hours contracts](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cw4yvprvn94o) |  |  | | [Economic growth](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5yxwre7d9ko) |  |  | | [Relations with President Trump](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgee7rl24ro) and the [Anglo-US trade deal](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c15ng4g5g0eo) |  |  | | [Immigration](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9wgrv7pwrzo) |  |  | | [Two-child cap](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c978m6z3egno) on child benefit [July 2024] |  |  | | The rise of Reform UK:  [Act now to win back Red Wall voters, Labour MPs say - BBC News](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpdzd29x8dno)  [Keir Starmer: Nigel Farage would crash economy like Liz Truss - BBC News](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp3n4zwq6v9o) |  |  | | [Net zero](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cyv4g7000m4o)  ([Explainer](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58874518)) |  |  | | [Defence and foreign aid budget](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clyrkkv4gd7o) |  |  | | [Plans to cut disability payments](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz6346n06vjo) |  |  | | [Gaza](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cewd7elz749o) |  |  | | [Starmer’s popularity](https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/trackers/keir-starmer-prime-minister-approval) in the polls |  |  |   **Task B: Has Keir Starmer had a successful first year as Prime Minister?**  This is your opportunity to summarise the argument that Starmer has been successful and the counter-argument.  **Summary of the ways that Starmer has been successful**  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  **Summary of the ways that Starmer has been unsuccessful**  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  **Having considered the examples of Starmer being successful and unsuccessful, I have concluded that overall Starmer has been**  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  **This is because**  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |
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