## ASSESSMENT, MEMORY AND EXAMS

## Practice task

**PURPOSE OF TASK:** To give you an opportunity to practice writing the answer to an exam question, under exam conditions.

## THE TASK

- 1. When you have completed your revision, ask your tutor for an exam question relevant to the topics you have revised.
- 2. At home, write the answer to the exam question, under exam conditions:
  - time yourself, sticking to the time you would have in the actual exam
  - do not refer to relevant books and websites or your notes on the topic
  - use the techniques you have learned, such as planning your answer before you start to write it [link to Tackling examinations some techniques info sheet]
  - write legibly.
- 3. When you have written your answer, check it against your notes on the topic:
  - have you answered the question?
  - have you included all the main points of the topic?
  - have you supported your arguments with evidence?
  - does your answer flow, in the same as an essay should?
- 4. Reflect on how you did generally:
  - did you finish your answer within the time limit?
  - can you read your own writing?
  - Were you confident or nervous?
- 5. In the light of your findings from Steps 3 and 4 (above), come up with an action plan to improve any areas you have identified which need further development.

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