1.21 Causes of Poverty and Inequality in Income and Wealth: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer all questions. Full sentences are required for the extended data-response and essay questions.
Time guidance: 10 minutes overall.

1 Explain how discrimination in hiring and pay can contribute to income inequality in the UK. Give up to three distinct explanatory points.

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2 Explain how inheritance can contribute to wealth inequality in the UK today. Name the mechanism and give up to three distinct explanatory points.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

employers discriminating on the basis of race, gender, age or disability may offer lower wages or fewer promotion opportunities to affected groups	**B1**
discrimination reduces labour market access and career progression for some groups, leading to persistent income gaps between groups	**B1**
reduced earnings and lower lifetime accumulation of wealth due to discrimination compound across generations, reinforcing broader inequality	**B1**

Answer: Discrimination reduces pay and promotion opportunities for some groups, limits labour market access and progression, and compounds lifetime and intergenerational inequality.

Question 2

inheritance transfers accumulated assets from one generation to another, giving recipients a head start in wealth accumulation	**B1**
those born into wealthier families receive larger inheritances, so wealth tends to be concentrated within particular families and social groups	**B1**
inheritance can fund home ownership and investment that generate further returns, compounding intergenerational inequality	**B1**

Answer: Inheritance passes accumulated assets to heirs, concentrates wealth within families, and funds investments such as housing that generate further returns, compounding inequality.

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