3.8 Reasons for the Decline in Family Size in Modern Britain: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. For questions that ask for two reasons or two examples give both in full sentences. Spend about 10 minutes on the whole pack.

1 Explain one way the rising cost of housing in Britain can affect family size decisions for young couples starting out.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Identify and explain two practical barriers that might prevent some low income families in Britain from accessing contraception or family planning services.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

identifies the rising cost of housing as a real pressure	**B1**
explains how high housing costs reduce disposable income or delay moving to suitable family housing	**B1**
develops how reduced disposable income or delays make couples postpone children or choose fewer children	**B1**
offers brief consequence or example, e.g. renting in a small flat makes having more children impractical	**B1**

Answer: Rising housing costs reduce disposable income and can delay moving to a larger home suitable for children, so young couples may postpone having children or decide on fewer children because smaller homes and tight budgets make larger families impractical.

Question 2

identifies first barrier, e.g. lack of transport or clinic hours that clash with work	**B1**
explains how it prevents access, e.g. inability to attend appointments reduces uptake	**B1**
identifies second barrier, e.g. stigma or lack of culturally appropriate information	**B1**
explains how it prevents access, e.g. fear of judgement or materials not in relevant languages reduces use	**B1**

Answer: One barrier is lack of transport or clinic hours that conflict with working schedules, preventing attendance at appointments. Another barrier is stigma or lack of culturally appropriate information, which can discourage some groups from seeking contraception or make services less accessible to them.

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