**5. Towards a new Consensus, 1987-1997**

**Practice essay questions**

1. ‘Margaret Thatcher was forced to resign as Prime Minister and Conservative Party leader in 1990 by domestic issues, not foreign affairs.’

Assess the validity of this view.

1. To what extent did the change of Conservative party leader and prime minister, from Margaret Thatcher to John Major, represent a change of political direction?
2. To what extent was Tony Blair responsible for the Labour victory in the 1997 British general election?
3. To what extent did relations with Europe dominate British politics from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s?