

## Question 6

This question deals with archives and census material.

**Source 1:** Extract from a government announcement about the 1926 census.

The 1926 census will be published online in April 2026. The digitisation project will be undertaken by the National Archives of Ireland at a cost of €5 million. At present, the 1926 census is stored in 1,344 boxes, containing over 700,000 return sheets.

The 1926 census collected 21 data sets about each individual in Ireland including name, age, sex, marital status, religion, housing conditions and ability to speak Irish. On the night of 18 April 1926, the population of Ireland was 2,971,992. At the previous census in 1911, the population was 3,139,688.

- (a) According to **Source 1**, how many different data sets were collected about each individual in 1926? Give examples of **two** of these types of data.

Number of data sets:
First example:
Second example:

- (b) Did the population of Ireland increase or decrease between the census of 1911 and the census of 1926? Support your answer with evidence from **Source 1**.


- (c) Are the following statements true or false? Tick (✓) the right answer.

Statement	True	False
The National Archives provides access to original records such as government records, court records and census records.		
The records in the National Archives are primary sources for the study of Irish history.		
You can borrow records from the National Archives and take them home, like borrowing a book from a library.		

Scattery Island is in the River Shannon near Kilrush, Co. Clare. Look at the sources below and answer the questions which follow.

**Source 2:** Photograph of Scattery Island.



**Source 3:** An extract from the 1911 census giving details of one household on Scattery Island.

<b>Residents of a house 5 in Scattery Island (Kilrush Rural, Clare)</b>				
<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Relation to head</b>
Griffin	Michael	44	Male	Head of Family
Griffin	Mary	41	Female	Wife
Griffin	Hannah	65	Female	Mother
Griffin	Sinon	14	Male	Son
Griffin	Bridget	13	Female	Daughter
Griffin	Nora	12	Female	Daughter
Griffin	Anna Maria	10	Female	Daughter
Griffin	Patrick	7	Male	Son
Griffin	Susan	6	Female	Daughter
Griffin	John	4	Male	Son
Blake	Thomas	84	Male	Servant

- (d) What evidence from **Source 2** shows that people lived on Scattery Island over a thousand years ago?


- (e) According to **Source 3**, how many generations of the Griffin family are included in the 1911 census? Under which heading in the source can this evidence be found?

Number of generations:
Heading:

- (f) According to **Source 3**, how many sons and daughters had Michael and Mary Griffin?

Sons:	Daughters:
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- (g) Name one member of the household who was not a member of the family. Give **two** pieces of evidence from **Source 3** to show that this person was not a member of the family.

Name:
1.
2.

- (h) The table below gives five facts about Scattery Island. Number the facts 1-to-5 in chronological order, beginning with the earliest.

There were 84 people living on Scattery Island in 1936.	
Visitors can now take boat trips to Scattery from Kilrush Marina.	
In 1948, the island school closed down.	
Scattery has been uninhabited since the last two residents left in 1978.	
During World War II (1939-1945), 12 island men lost their lives at sea.	