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## Sources for Question 1

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### Source A

*Frack Off* has been described as a grassroots, direct action, movement which opposes the use of fracking to recover gas and oil from deep below the earth's surface. According to *Frack Off*, there are currently more than 200 anti-fracking community groups in the UK. In 2017, hundreds of people took part in a protest organised by local groups against plans to survey Sherwood Forest for shale gas.

### Source B

*The National Trust* was formed in 1895 to look after places of historic interest or natural beauty across the UK. In 2015 it had more than four million members, 70,000 volunteers and an annual income of almost £500m. Most of this money was spent on its core activities, for example, protecting important buildings, however, it also campaigned on issues like planning laws, green living and tourism.

### Source C

Pressure groups are often praised for their contribution to democracy. It is said that they offer opportunities for citizens to participate in politics between elections, and that they give a voice to minorities. But the truth is that many organisations, like *The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds*, for example, are more concerned with pursuing their own particular interests, than taking part in politics. Furthermore, minorities, even organised ones, are often ignored.

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