

## **I. COMPREHENSION**

### **1. What is the Conservative Party's record on health care according to Suella Braverman?**

Suella Braverman highlights several achievements under the Conservative Party, including the addition of 40,000 doctors and 70,000 nurses, resilience during the Covid-19 pandemic, and successful initiatives like the vaccine rollout. She also notes increased funding, with the UK having the fourth highest growth in healthcare spending as a share of GDP in Europe since 2010. Additionally, local successes, such as new facilities in her Fareham constituency, are attributed to government funding.

### **2. List the problems encountered by NHS according to Suella Braverman.**

- Long waiting times for GP appointments (e.g., Mavis's three-week wait).
- Overcrowding in A&E departments, with 1.5 million patients waiting over 12 hours for emergency specialists.
- High mortality rates linked to overcrowded casualty wards and bed shortages (250 deaths weekly).
- Poor healthcare outcomes compared to European countries like France and the Netherlands.
- A system overly focused on acute illnesses rather than preventing chronic conditions.
- Lack of capacity in social care homes, causing bottlenecks in hospitals.
- Inefficiency due to the number of trusts, agencies, and authorities in the system.

### **3. What kind of solutions does she propose?**

- A total overhaul of public health delivery to focus on preventing illness rather than only treating acute conditions.
- Integration of health and social care systems to improve efficiency and reduce hospital admissions from care homes.
- Pooling all health and social care funding into a single, ring-fenced budget for better resource allocation.
- Simplifying the system by reducing the number of agencies and creating a single provider responsible for GP, hospital, and long-term social care needs.
- Welcoming the use of private providers for specific services, as suggested by Labour, but not fully privatizing the NHS.