KNOWLEDGE
1. What is modern slavery?
2. What is gender equality?

COMPREHENSION
3. Why did the COVID-19 pandemic particularly affect female workers in Bangladesh’s garment industry?
4. How does sustainability accounting differ from traditional accountancy?

APPLICATION
5. Aziz talks about how his team has helped develop a policy brief. Why do you think this is important, rather than just publishing a paper in a scientific journal?
6. Why do UK retailers source many material products from the global south rather than closer to home?

ANALYSIS
7. If another pandemic were to happen, how do you think retailers could better respond to ensure the welfare of production workers was minimally compromised? What could incentivise them to take these measures?
8. If workers are receiving an income, why do you think the exploitative practices Aziz refers to often count as modern slavery?

EVALUATION
9. Aziz argues that businesses must respect human rights regardless of whether they are making profit. To what extent do you agree with him and why?
10. What level of responsibility do you think consumers should have with regards to preventing worker exploitation? What barriers might they face when making purchasing decisions?

MORE RESOURCES
- Read an article Aziz wrote for The Conversation, ‘Coronavirus measures give Bangladeshi workers for global clothing chains a stark choice: disease or starvation’: theconversation.com/coronavirus-measures-give-bangladeshi-workers-for-global-clothing-chains-a-stark-choice-disease-or-starvation-138549
- Traidcraft Exchange is using the findings from Aziz and his team’s research for their campaign for ‘Fashion Watchdog’: traideraftexchange.org/fashion-watchdog-video
- This article from UN Women explains why women across the world have typically been more impacted by the effects of the pandemic: www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/9/feature-covid-19-economic-impacts-on-women
- This article on The Conversation provides a broad overview into sustainability accounting: theconversation.com/what-is-sustainability-accounting-what-does-esg-mean-we-have-answers-150996
- This video from the BBC World Service provides a personal insight into the effects of COVID-19 on Bangladeshi garment factory workers: www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJ3JPqVipPE
- Find out more from the Modern Slavery Policy and Evidence Centre: modernslaverypec.org/