Proofreading exercise

Poor or absent proofreading can lose you marks and may make it difficult for the marker to understand your meaning. However, in a handwritten exam, you can't rely on the computer to proofread your work for you.

This exercise aims to give you practice in spotting some common mistakes in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Read through the passage below. Mark and correct any mistakes in spelling, punctuation or grammar that you notice. If you are unsure if a usage is right or wrong, put a question mark by it and check with your tutor.

It has been argued that Margaret Thatcher was responsible for new divisions in Society in the 1980’s. Un-employment peaked and many familys were left with only a small income. In some cases without an income at all. Banks forclosed on mortgages and families were forced into B & B accomodation. For men that had expected to work all their lifes, it was a terrible blow, their was a lot of frustration and domestec violence increased and marriage break-up's. So a underclass of the unemployed began to form. However, these were countered by there was another phenomemon in the 80s. a few people experienced a huge growth in Wealth and used it to by expensive cars: and designer clothes that showed how rich they had be come. This public demonstrations of wealth were like a badge that declared “i have worked hard, thats how i was able to buy, designer clothes.” At the same time it seems to suggest that other people our poor cos they have not bothered to work hard. Its also possible to argue though that the conspicuousness of wealth encouraged poor urban youths to aspire to grater things. The next question, to ask is wether this led to more division or more integration.