

GCSE (9–1) History B (Schools History Project)

**J411/13 The People's Health, c.1250 to present
with Britain in Peace and War, 1900–1918**

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

OCR supplied materials:

- the OCR12-page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Section A – The People's Health, c.1250 to present: Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2, 3 and **either** question 4 **or** question 5.
- Section B – Britain in Peace and War, 1900–1918: Answer questions 6 (a–b) and 7, and **either** question 8 **or** question 9.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **8** pages.

Section A**The People's Health, c.1250 to present**

Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2 and 3.

- 1.
- (a) Give **one** example of the way in which medieval people reacted to the Black Death. [1]
- (b) Name **one** way in which people in towns obtained their water during the period 1500–1750. [1]
- (c) Name **one** of the 'big killer' diseases in the period 1750–1900. [1]
2. Write a clear and organised summary that analyses people's living conditions in the Middle Ages. Support your summary with examples. [9]
3. Why did people's attempts to stop the spread of plague in the period 1500–1750 have limited impact? Support your answer with examples. [10]

Answer **either** question 4 **or** question 5.

- 4.* How far do you agree that the most important changes in public health in Britain took place in the twentieth century? Give reasons for your answer. [18]
- 5.* 'New technology has been the most important factor in improvements to public health in Britain'. How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [18]

Section B

Britain in Peace and War, 1900–1918

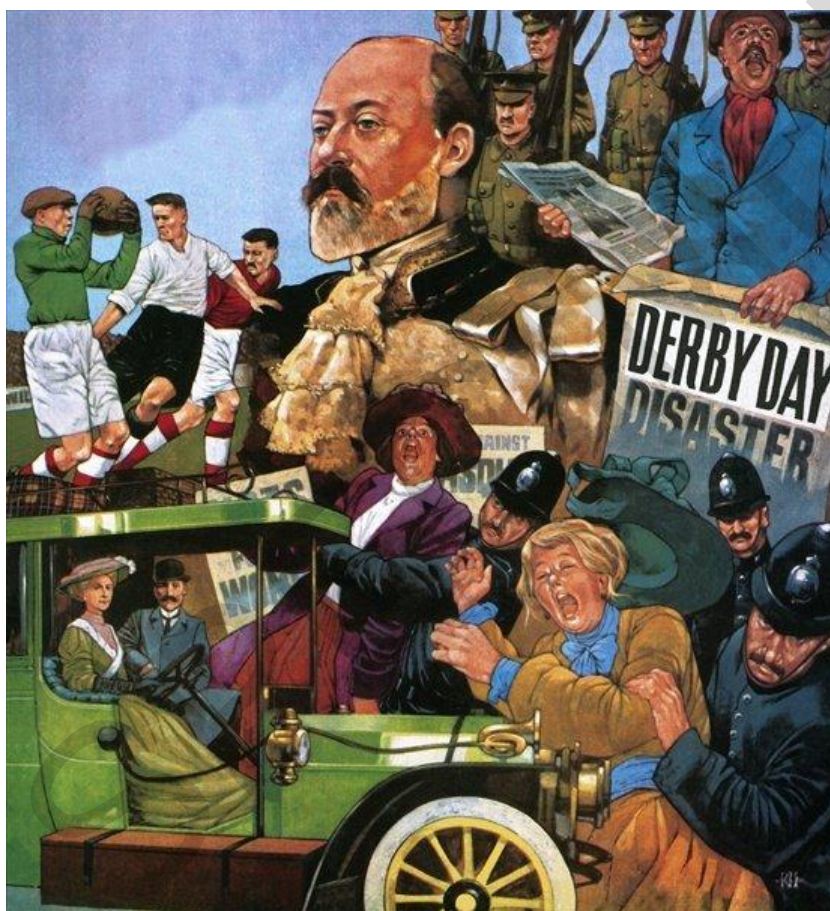
Answer questions 6 (a–b) and 7.

6.

- (a) In Interpretation A the artist Richard Hook tries to portray some of the drama of life in Britain in the early twentieth century. Identify **one** way in which the artist does this.

[3]

Interpretation A – A painting by the artist Richard Hook c.1980.
The title of the painting is *The Edwardians*.



- (b) If you were asked to do further research on one aspect of Interpretation A, what would you choose to investigate? Explain how this would help us to analyse and understand life in Britain in the early twentieth century.

[5]

7. Interpretations B and C both focus on the force-feeding of suffragettes. How far do they differ and what might explain any differences?

[12]

Interpretation B – An extract from *Dying for the Vote*, a secondary school textbook written by Jane Richardson and Ian Dawson in 2002.

The woman was held down and a tube was pushed up her nose. A milky liquid was poured into a funnel connected to the rubber tube. This was extremely painful. The government ordered force-feeding to stop hunger strikers dying as this would cause a lot of bad publicity. In 1913 the government brought in a new law, known as the 'Cat and Mouse' Act. This allowed hunger strikers to be released until their health improved and then they would be re-arrested to complete their sentences.

Interpretation C – An extract from *The Making of Modern Britain* a history book written for the general public by the journalist Andrew Marr in 2009.

The force-feeding of women in prison who had gone on hunger strike was itself a brutal business. Trying to force mouths open to accommodate metal contraptions resulted in broken teeth and ripped gums; alternatively, the passages of the nose would be bruised by rubber tubes shoved down into the stomach. In Holloway prison in London, a twenty-one-year-old working-class girl from Leicester who had trained as a dancer, Lillian Lenton, was subjected to force-feeding and had the tube accidentally pushed into her windpipe. Her left lung was filled with sloppy food and she nearly died [...] Hurriedly released, her case led to the 'Cat and Mouse' Act which provided for very ill suffragettes to be released from prison, watched until they recovered, and then arrested and jailed again.

Answer **either** question 8 **or** question 9.

- 8.*** In an article in the *Daily Mail* newspaper in 2015 the historian A N Wilson stated that, in the period before the First World War, 'life for the majority of men and women was hellish'. How far do you agree with this view?

[20]

- 9.*** By calling his 1995 book '*The Age of Upheaval: Edwardian Politics 1899–1914*', the historian David Brooks suggests that there were big changes in British politics during that period. How far do you agree with this view?

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Interpretation B: Extract from Jane Richardson and Ian Dawson, *This is History: Dying for the Vote – Pupil's Book: The Chartists and the Suffragettes: how ordinary people won the right to vote*, pg 51, Hodder Education, London, 2002.

Interpretation C: Extract from Andrew Marr, *The Making of Modern Britain*, pg 58, Pan Macmillan, London, 2009.

Question 8: Quote from A N Wilson, 'The Downton Delusion: We love dramas about upstairs, downstairs life, but real Edwardian England saw a pampered few exploiting the poor majority', *The Daily Mail*, 12 Mar 2011, www.dailymail.co.uk, accessed Jan 2015.

Question 9: Reference to David Brooks, *The Age of Upheaval: Edwardian Politics 1899–1914* (New Frontiers in History), Manchester University Press, Manchester, 1995.

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