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GCSE (9–1)

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HISTORY B
(SCHOOLS HISTORY PROJECT)

The People's Health, c.1250 to present
with The Norman Conquest, 1065–1087

FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018: Afternoon
TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour 45 minutes
plus your additional time allowance

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YOU MUST HAVE:

the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

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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 – The Norman Conquest, 1065–1087: Answer
questions 6 (a–b) and 7, and EITHER question 8 OR
question 9.**

**Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question
number(s) must be clearly shown.**

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 (*).**

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SECTION A

The People's Health, c.1250 to present

Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2 and 3.

- 1 (a) Give ONE example of what medieval people thought caused the Black Death. [1]**

(b) Name ONE response of the government to the gin craze in the period 1660–1751. [1]

(c) Name ONE individual who had a positive impact on public health in the nineteenth century. [1]
- 2 Write a clear and organised summary that analyses people's lifestyles since 1900. Support your summary with examples. [9]**
- 3 Why were the authorities slow in reforming public health in Industrial Britain? Explain your answer. [10]**

Answer EITHER question 4 OR question 5.

- 4* 'The creation of the NHS was the most significant improvement in public health in the twentieth century.' How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [18]**
- 5* How far do you agree that living conditions in towns during the Early Modern period (1500–1750) were no better than during the Middle Ages? Give reasons for your answer. [18]**

SECTION B

The Norman Conquest, 1065–1087

Answer questions 6 (a–b) and 7.

- 6 (a) In Interpretation A the artist portrays early Norman castles as a means of control. Identify and explain ONE way in which he does this. [3]**
- (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 the first motte and bailey castles built by the Normans. [5]**

Interpretation A – An illustration of the Norman castle at Newcastle. The illustration is on the tourist website about the castle. A wooden tower surrounded by a wooden fence is shown in light on a steep-sided mound of earth against a very dark and cloudy sky. Pointed wooden fences stretch down to the lower ground from the mound. In the fenced area at the bottom of the mound, soldiers are standing. They are wearing armour and carrying shields. Also in this area there are wooden huts and more wooden posts ready to be used.



7 Interpretations B and C both focus on the position of women in Anglo-Saxon society. How far do they differ and what might explain any differences? [12]

Interpretation B – Octavia Randolph writing in a website ‘englishhistoryauthors.blogspot.co.uk’. Randolph writes historical fiction set in Anglo-Saxon times about the adventures of Ceridwen, a fifteen-year-old girl.

You might be surprised to learn that if you are English, your maternal ancestors of 1000 years ago enjoyed more legal rights than did your great grandmother. Shocking, but true! Anglo-Saxon women enjoyed the right to own land. Divorce laws granted the wife half the household goods and full custody of the children. All this came to a crushing end after 1066. I tried to reflect this in my fiction. I believe I have given my female characters the appropriate rights and freedoms. I based them on law codes of the time as well as information from surviving wills. When I first wrote about Ceridwen I worried that I was giving her too much freedom in my stories, too much excitement. But after researching women in Anglo-Saxon England I wonder if I have not given her enough!

Interpretation C – An extract adapted from ‘The Norman Conquest’ by historian Marc Morris in 2013.

The notion persists that pre-Conquest England had been a much nicer place – freer, more liberal, with better rights for women. But almost all of this is myth. In the 19th and 20th centuries it was argued that before the coming of the Normans women had better legal rights, allowing them to control their own property and to have a say in whom they married. The period before 1066 was imagined as a golden age, where women and men rubbed shoulders in rough and ready equality only to be ended by the coming of the nasty Normans. However, these arguments have been comprehensively discredited. The reality is that women were no worse off under the Normans than they had been under the Anglo-Saxons; they simply had a bad time both before and after 1066.

Answer EITHER question 8 OR question 9.

- 8* In her blog ‘The death of Edward the Confessor and the conflicting claims to the English Crown’ Dr Jessica Nelson argues that ‘Edward himself should shoulder some of the blame for the succession crisis.’ How far do you agree with this view? [20]**
- 9* According to historian David Howarth in his book ‘1066 the Year of the Conquest’, ‘It took William five years of ruthless oppression to bring the country under his power’. How far do you agree with this view? [20]**

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