

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Thursday 6 June 2019 – Afternoon**

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

**J411/11 The People's Health, c.1250 to present  
with The Norman Conquest, 1065–1087**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance**

**YOU MUST HAVE:**

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

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**



## **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) Name ONE way people in towns obtained their water in the period 1250–1500. [1]**  
  
**(b) Give ONE example of what people in the first half of the nineteenth century believed caused cholera. [1]**  
  
**(c) Give ONE example of how people tried to prevent Spanish Flu in 1918–1919. [1]**
- 2 Write a clear and organised summary that analyses people's lives in Britain in the period 1750–1900. Support your summary with examples. [9]**
- 3 Why did living conditions in medieval towns have such an important impact on people's health? Explain your answer. [10]**

**Answer EITHER question 4 OR question 5.**

**4\* How far do you agree that government responses to plague were more effective in the period 1500–1750 than the period 1250–1500? Give reasons for your answer. [18]**

**5\* ‘National government has done more to improve people’s health since 1900 than it did during the Industrial Age of 1750–1900.’ How far do you agree? 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, historian David Howarth argues that life in England just before the Norman Conquest was pleasant. Identify and explain ONE way in which he does this. [3]**

D Howarth, 'The Year of the Conquest', pp11-12, Penguin Books Ltd, 1981. Item removed due to third party copyright restrictions.

**(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 England immediately before the Norman Conquest. [5]**

**7 Interpretations B and C both focus on the impact of the Norman Conquest on English society by 1087. How far do they differ and what might explain any differences? [12]**

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**Answer EITHER question 8 OR question 9.**

- 8\* In his 1979 article ‘Medieval Castle Architecture’, historian Charles Coulson argues that the construction of a castle ‘was intended as a symbol of lordly status, rather than a response to military insecurity.’ How far do you agree with this view of Norman castles in England between 1066 and 1087? [20]**
- 9\* In his 2004 book ‘The Penguin History of Britain: The Struggle for Mastery, 1066–1284’, historian David Carpenter argues that the main reason why the Normans were successful before 1066 was because of ‘their use of cavalry and fast-moving warfare.’ How far do you agree with this view of Norman society, culture and warfare before 1066? [20]**

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