

**Paper Reference(s) 9HI0/35**

**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE**

**History**

**Advanced**

**Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in  
depth**

**Option 35.1: Britain: losing and gaining an  
empire, 1763–1914**

**Option 35.2: The British experience of  
warfare, c1790–1918**

**SOURCES BOOKLET**

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THE QUESTION PAPER.**

**Sources for use with Section A. Answer the question in Section A on the option for which you have been prepared.**

**Option 35.1: Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763–1914**

**Source for use with Question 1.**

**Source 1: From a letter written by Sir James Stirling to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, July 1828. Stirling had been a successful naval commander and was sent to the South Pacific to assess the intentions of the French in the region and the potential commercial opportunities of the area.**

**I beg your lordship to consider the contribution that could be made to the interests of the British Empire by establishing the colony of Western Australia.**

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Western Australia has a most favourable  
 geographical position and is especially  
 fortunate in the possession of a major  
 river, the Swan. It has seemingly  
 inexhaustible stores of timber which 10  
 is ideally suited to building ships  
 and vast areas of land that offer  
 great opportunities for agricultural  
 development. I have conducted a  
 preliminary survey of the interior which 15  
 showed the greatest promise in terms of  
 the growth of fruits and the cultivation  
 of rich grazing land. I propose to extend  
 this survey by sending expeditions to  
 investigate the climate, soil and water 20  
 supply. The area has great potential  
 and will provide many opportunities.  
 However, difficulties have also been  
 identified which we must bear in mind  
 when developing our plans. The richest 25  
 grazing land is some miles from the  
 coast and it will be essential to build  
 good roads and the development of

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a large and secure port is of huge importance. 30

It is also a site of great strategic importance for our Royal Navy and for our great Empire. Events in recent years have shown us how our power and wealth has been rooted in our naval strength. We can develop a naval base which will make our Eastern possessions much more secure. It is also vital that we prevent the French from establishing a base in the area. It will also help us develop our commercial links with India and China. The grazing land will also supply vast quantities of salted meat for the Royal Navy. 35 40

I believe most strongly that we should decide that Western Australia is not to be a convict state and that it would be inappropriate to seek to use it to address the problems of our overcrowded prisons in England. 45 50

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**Creating a free state will encourage more young men with some funds and much ambition to settle there. However, we have to realise that in the crucial early stages we need to have capital and workforce to establish a good basis for development. I believe that our government should make available to each settler a grant in land relative to the amount of money they can themselves invest.**

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**Option 35.2: The British experience of warfare, c1790–1918**

**Source for use with Question 2.**

**Source 2: From a letter written by James McCudden to his brother, 18 October 1917, during the Battle of Passchendaele. McCudden was a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps who had trained as an engineer. He completed three tours of duty on the Western Front starting in July 1916, and was later awarded the Victoria Cross.**

**The system for combat I developed was always to attack the German pilots from above. If I felt that my opponent had the upper hand I broke off the combat as quickly as possible. I have a respect for our enemy and the more I fight them, the more I admire their qualities. The German anti-aircraft gun was accurate**

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and, as it was essential to fly a straight  
course when photographing enemy  
positions, we were often under heavy  
fire. It is worth taking risks to get good  
photos. I was shown in briefings how  
our photographs helped the army  
commanders plan their offensives and  
pinpoint targets for our bombers.

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I am convinced that the only way to play  
our part in ending this war is to hit as  
many of the enemy as possible with the  
minimum losses to our side. It takes  
time and skilled instruction to put a man  
in the air and we must conserve our  
planes and our men. However, it is clear  
that we will have to accept the loss of  
many brave men.

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At 6am on the 8th August I took off in  
my new plane. It was great to be in a  
machine that was faster than the enemy  
and to know that one could run away if  
things got too hot. It was essential to

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show the right mixture of caution  
and aggression. I was aware of  
my responsibility to the many less  
experienced pilots. Any fellow coming  
new to my flight flew his plane next 35  
to mine with, if possible, another  
experienced man on his other side.  
I was flying at 20,000 feet at the limit of  
my plane's endurance and I sighted a 40  
formation of four enemy reconnaissance  
machines 6,000 feet below. The Germans  
were involved in taking photographs of  
our forward trenches and, like us, had  
developed the capacity to communicate  
with their ground control by radio so 45  
they could brief their artillery.

I saw a German plane running away to  
the east and I chased it. I overtook my  
target and, thanks to the improved firing  
system recently fitted, I quickly got into 50  
position and fired a burst from both  
guns and he went down in a vertical  
dive. I saw the flames touch the German

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**pilot and felt sick for a minute. Then I realised that I mustn't be squeamish about killing.**