

Paper Reference(s) 1HI0/12

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1)

History

**Paper 1: Thematic study and historic
environment**

**Option 12: Warfare and British society,
c1250–present and London and
the Second World War, 1939–45**

Monday 3 June 2019 – Morning

**Time: 1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional
time allowance**

SOURCES BOOKLET

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source A: From a written account by Bob Holman, published online in 2000. Here he is remembering his experiences as a child in the East End of London during the Blitz.

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The king and queen were booed by some East Enders angry about the royals living in luxury. General complaints could turn into riots. A food warehouse in the East End was smashed open when officials were slow to feed people who had been bombed out. People in blitzed areas could only carry on because of local neighbourhood action rather than central government action.

Nonetheless, the bombs did result in acts of courage. At night, my Dad worked as an air raid warden, helping to deal with incendiary bombs and dig out the wounded. He would come home appalled by his dreadful experiences. He was both brave and afraid at the same time – a mixture found in thousands of men and women who served as emergency ambulance drivers, firefighters and auxiliary nurses. The involvement of masses of ordinary people in vital roles lifted morale.

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Source B: A photograph showing King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visiting the East End of London, April 1941. The King is wearing naval uniform and the Queen is wearing a hat and long coat over a dress with high-heeled shoes. She is wearing a pearl necklace. They are standing in a small cleared area in the middle of rubble in a bombed street. The shops behind them have lost their windows and most of the shop fronts. They are talking to a man wearing overalls. A few officials are with the King and Queen, and a policeman and a few Air Raid Wardens are standing with a large crowd which has gathered to watch. The people look tired and many of them are standing on the bricks and stone of ruined buildings. Two boys are at the front of the crowd.

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