

Paper Reference(s) 1HIA/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**

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Sources Booklet

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Sources for use with Section A.

SOURCE A: From the diary of Olivia Cockett. Olivia was living and working in London during the Second World War. The diary report was written for the Mass Observation project.

JUNE 1941

Been to the cinema twice – a comedy each time. Also been to the theatre once.

No music concerts, except on the radio, but a lot of piano playing and singing at home.

Attended a wedding.

Two nights a week volunteering to spot fires breaking out after a bombing raid.

Lots of gardening.

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JULY 1941

Been busy doing the washing, cleaning and cooking; also sewing, to keep my office clothes looking good.

Read three novels – nothing like as much as I usually read.

No ‘entertainment’ apart from listening to the BBC radio on two evenings, playing music records on the gramophone one evening and playing some piano every day.

Went to an art exhibition.

AUGUST 1941

Haven’t gone out. Reading, listening to the radio, playing the piano and singing almost every evening.

Bought TWO HATS !!! Couldn’t resist such bargains.

SOURCE B: A photograph in Picture Post, a national weekly magazine, published 22 February 1944. It shows a dance that was held at the Opera House in central London. This was one of several dance events using large venues that were arranged for members of the armed forces, as well as civilians.

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**Source A taken from: Love and War
in London by Olivia Cockett, ed
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**Source B taken from:
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