

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1)

Sample assessment materials for first teaching September 2016

Time 1 hour 20 minutes

**Paper
reference**

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History

PAPER 1: Thematic study and historic environment

Option 11: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present *and* The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches

Sources Booklet

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source A: From an account by Reverend Leonard Pearson, who was the army chaplain at Casualty Clearing Station 44 during the Battle of the Somme (1916).

I spent most of my time giving anaesthetics. I had no right to be doing this because I had no medical qualifications, but we were simply so rushed. We couldn't get the wounded into the hospital quickly enough and the journey from the battlefield was simply terrible for these poor lads. It was a question of operating as quickly as possible. If they had to wait their turn in the normal way, until the surgeon was able to perform the operation with a doctor giving the anaesthetic, it would have been too late for many of them. As it was, many died. We all simply had to help and do anything that was needed.

Source B: From the diary of Oswald Robertson, written on 30 November 1917. He was an army surgeon working on the Western Front during the First World War.

Men were horribly mutilated – many were dying when brought into the ward. All the beds were full and we began putting stretchers on the floor. Blood everywhere – clothes soaked in blood, pools of blood in the stretchers, streams of blood dropping from the stretchers to the floor. My rubber apron was one solid red smear. All we could do was try to stop the bleeding and get the patients as comfortable as possible. I could only transfuse an occasional patient. The majority had to take their chance and go through the operation as best they could.

Acknowledgements

Source A adapted from Lyn Macdonald, *The Roses of No Man's Land*, Penguin, 1980, 2013; Source B adapted from an unpublished diary.