

GCSE History

Paper 1 Question 3
Similarity or difference



Q3: Similarity or difference

- **This question will ask you to explain a similarity or difference across two time periods.**
- It is worth 4 marks.
- We advise that you spend 6 minutes answering this question (extra time: 7.5 minutes).
- You must explain the similarity or difference.
- And support with knowledge/ examples from both time periods.



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Our question

3 Explain **one** way in which the treatment of infectious diseases in the medieval period (c1250–c1500) was **different** from the treatment of infectious diseases in the modern period (c1900–present).

1. Are you asked to explain a similarity or a difference?
2. Look for the focus of the question - what you need to explain – **treatment of infectious diseases**
3. Look for the two time periods you need to focus on – **medieval and modern period**



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Other options

- 3 Explain **one** way in which the treatment of the crime of witchcraft in the years c1500–c1700 was **different** from the treatment of the crime of witchcraft in the years c1700–c1900.
- 3 Explain **one** way in which fighting in the Battle of Waterloo (1815) was **different** from fighting in the Iraq War (2003).
- 3 Explain **one** way in which opportunities for Jewish migrants in the medieval period (c800–c1500) were **similar** to opportunities for Jewish migrants in the eighteenth- and-nineteenth centuries (c1700–c1900).



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How to answer the question

3 Explain **one** way in which the treatment of infectious diseases in the medieval period (c1250–c1500) was **different** from the treatment of infectious diseases in the modern period (c1900–present).

- 1. Explain the difference in the treatment of infectious diseases.** *For example, supernatural treatments v scientific treatments.*
- 2. Support your explanation with knowledge from both time periods.** *For example, prayer as believed God had sent illness v antibiotics such as penicillin.*



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What is your examiner looking for?

Difference

Supporting
knowledge from
both time periods

There was a different ~~between~~^{of} infectious diseases in medieval period and modern period because the causes they believe in medieval period, people mostly believe is supernatural causes as which ^{mainly} ~~mostly~~ is ^{caused by god.} ~~god punishment~~, therefore the main treatment is to pray. However, in the modern period, people has find out that germ is the mainly ^{causes} ~~causes~~ of infectious diseases and because of the increase of the ~~tech~~ technology level, therefore the treatment of them is antibiotics.



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What makes a good answer?

- **State the similarity or difference at the start of your answer.**
- **Support the similarity or difference with a historical example from both time periods.**
- **Refer to both time periods directly to ensure you do both.**

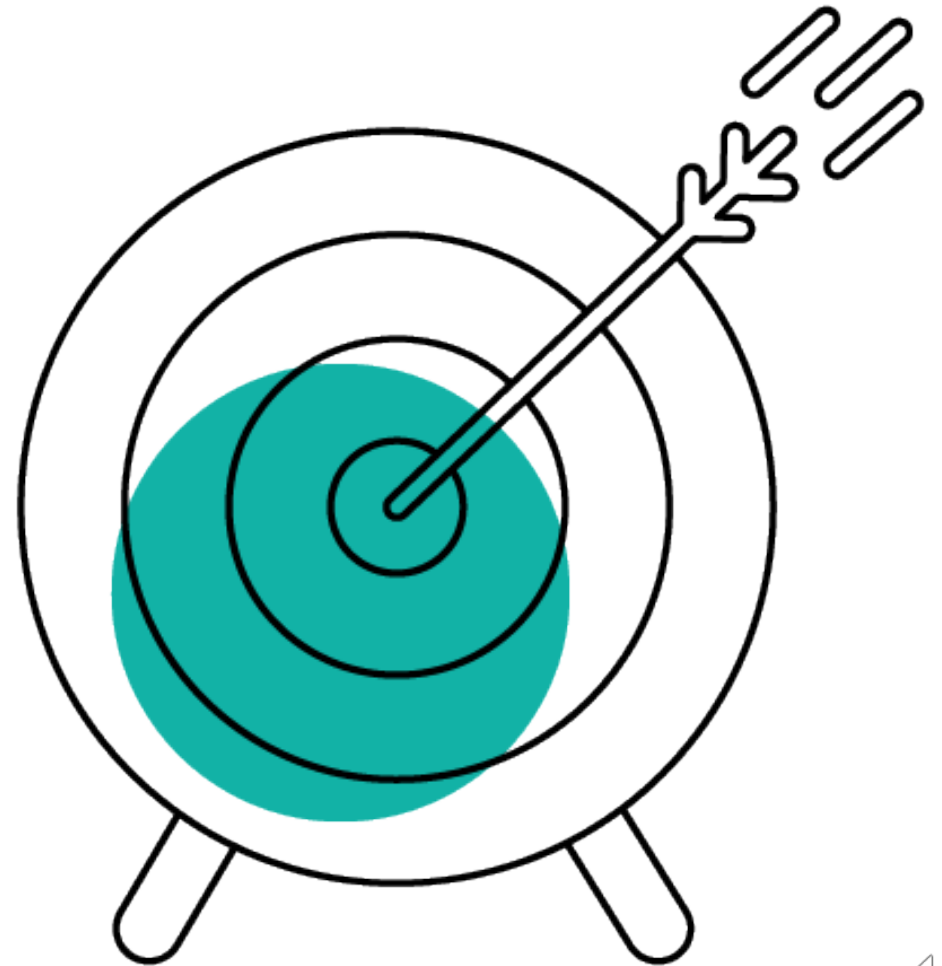
“This can be seen in the medieval period when”, “This can be seen in the modern period when ...”



Student support

In this video we have looked at how you should answer Q3 on Paper 1 of your GCSE History exam.

Find revision tips and guidance on command words on the Edexcel website [here](#).





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