

GCSE History

Paper 1 Question 4
Explain why...



Q4: Explain why

- **This question will ask you to explain why there was change or continuity in the history or why change happened quickly or slowly.**
- It is worth 12 marks.
- We advise that you spend 20 minutes answering this question (extra time: 25 minutes), including up to 2 minutes for thinking/ planning time.
- Using knowledge in addition to the stimulus points can help you to achieve a higher mark.
- You do **not** need to write an introduction or conclusion. This means you do not need to write more than 3 paragraphs.



Q4: Explain why

Our question

- 4 Explain why there was little change in medicine in England during the medieval period (c1250–c1500).

(12)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- Galen
- monastery hospitals

You **must** also use information of your own.

- You will be given 2 **stimulus points** to help you answer the question.
- You do not have to use these – you can replace them with knowledge of your own.
- You should aim to cover 3 aspects of content throughout your answer.

1. Look for the focus of the question - what you need to explain – **little change**
2. Look for the time period you need to focus on – **medieval period**
3. Take up to 2 minutes to plan your answer



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Other options

- 4 Explain why there were changes in the use of transportation as a punishment in the period c1610–c1868.

(12)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- colonies in North America
- the discovery of gold in Australia

You **must** also use information of your own.

- 4 Explain why there were changes in people's attitudes towards war during the modern period (c1900–present).

(12)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- Conscientious Objectors
- war reporting

You **must** also use information of your own.

- 4 Explain why there were changes in attitudes about migration to Britain in the period 1900–present.

(12)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- the Aliens Act (1905)
- the *Kindertransport* child refugees

You **must** also use information of your own.



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How to answer the question

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1. **Explain why there was little change in medicine** in the medieval period. *For example, influence of the Church, continuation of Galen's ideas, belief in religious causes of disease and illness.*
2. **Support your explanation with knowledge from the medieval period.** *For example, belief that disease and illness was sent as a punishment from God, continued use of the Theory of Opposites, dissection not allowed.*



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How to answer the question – planning/ thinking time

4 Explain why there were changes in attitudes about migration to Britain in the period 1900–present. (12)

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- the *Kindertransport* child refugees 8000

You **must** also use information of your own.

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Use key words when you plan – Think: knowledge, reasons.
Do not write too much.




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What is your examiner looking for?


A clear reason for 'little change in medicine'.



Knowledge from the medieval period to support the reason and explanation.
3 aspects of knowledge.



An explanation of how this led to 'little change in medicine'.



One reason there was little change in medicine during the medieval period was because of the physician Galen. Galen's ~~was~~ theories and discoveries were widely accepted and respected due to them linking to Christianity and the Bible. This is a result of the strong religious society that ~~were~~ ^{was} constantly influenced by the church. Some of Galen's theories include the male anatomy has one less rib than the female, this is based on the Genesis story where God created woman from a man's rib; another is the theory of opposites, for example if you have a fever cold, wrap up in warm clothing and sweat it out. The consequence of Galen's work being accepted, is that anyone who goes against church beliefs will receive judgement and rejection, meaning it is hard to argue against Galen's work.



Q4: Explain why What makes a good answer?

- **Start each paragraph with a direct focus on the question**

“There was little change in medicine in the medieval period because ...”

- **Connectives to explain the focus of the question.**

“This led to little change because ...”, “As a result, there was little change in medicine because ...”, This caused little change in medicine because ...”

- **Knowledge to support the explanation – try not to just describe what you can remember.**

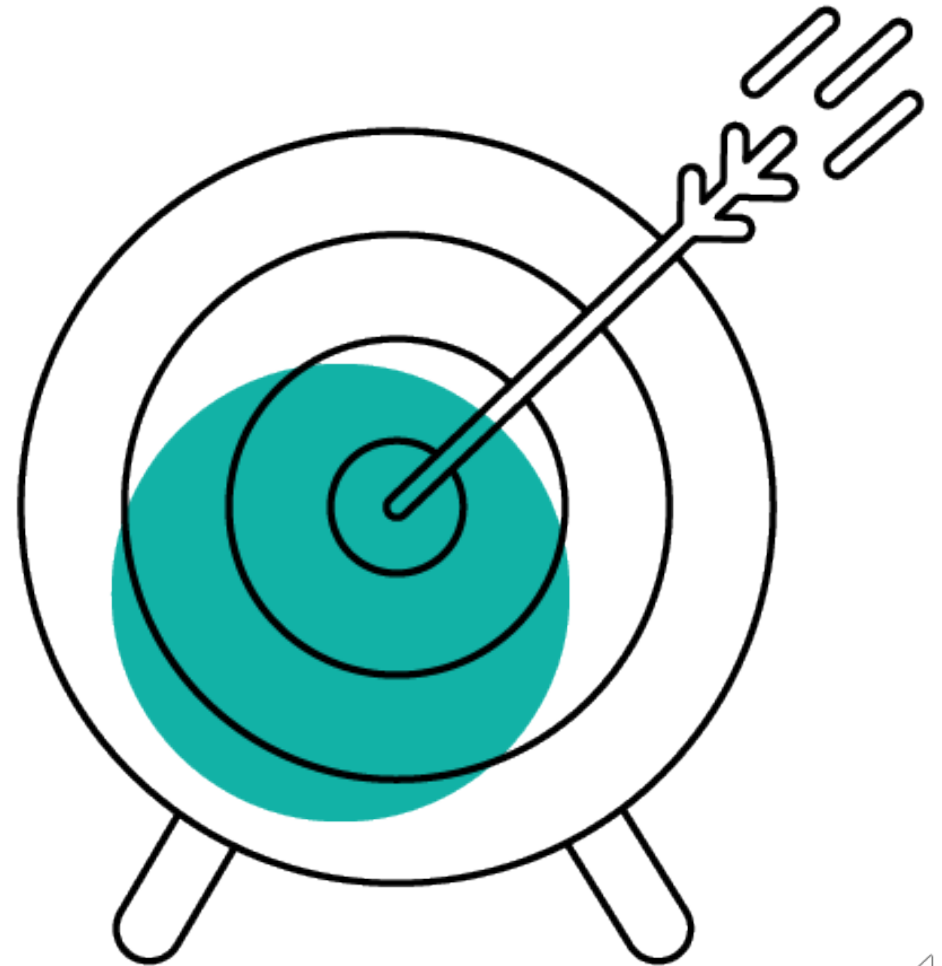
“This can be seen when ...”



Student support

In this video we have looked at how you should answer Q4 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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