

GCSE History

Paper 1 Question 5/6
Judgement question



Q5/6: Judgement question

- **This question will ask you to evaluate a statement about change in history. The statement could focus on similarity and/ or difference, change and/ or continuity, causation, consequence, significance.**
- It is worth 16 marks.
- There are also 4 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Choice of question – read both and choose carefully.
- We advise that you spend 25 minutes answering this question (extra time: 31.5 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 need to reach a judgement. This can be done in an introduction or conclusion. You must explain your judgement – explain your criteria or weigh the evidence.



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Our question

- 5 'There was significant progress in medical knowledge in England during the Renaissance period (c1500–c1700).'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

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

- William Harvey
- the Great Plague (1665)

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.
- Remember to include a judgement – how far do you agree?

(16)

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



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Other options

- 6 'The work of the police has changed significantly in the years 1829–present.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- the introduction of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
- police patrols

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

- 5 'In the years c1250–c1500, the most significant impact on the nature of warfare was the development of new weapons.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- the longbow
- the feudal levy

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

- 6 'Safety from religious persecution was the main reason why migrants came to England in the period c1500–c1700.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- Huguenot migrants
- cloth industry

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



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How to answer the question

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1. **Explain that there was/ was not progress in medical knowledge** in the Renaissance period. *For example, anatomical knowledge, diagnosis of disease, experimentation, same ideas about cause.*
2. **Support your explanation with knowledge from the Renaissance period.** *For example, Vesalius' dissections, Harvey discovered that the heart circulates blood, Great Plague (1665).*
3. **Reach a judgement** about whether the progress made was significant and explain.




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What is your examiner looking for?


A clear argument that there was not progress in the understanding of the cause of disease.



Knowledge from the Renaissance period to support the argument.
3 aspects of knowledge.



An explanation of how this shows there was "little to no progress" in medical knowledge.



However, I partly disagree with the statement because of the Great Plague. In 1665, ~~there~~ there was the great plague, which was similar to the Black Death in the Medieval Period. Although, there was lots of progress ~~am~~ in the Renaissance Period, the people did not know what caused this disease, so turned back to their beliefs about what caused the Black Death - religion and God. The people turned back to their old ways at this point in the time period, and believed that God had sent the disease as a ~~punishment~~ punishment. This shows that there was little to no progress in the Renaissance period as ~~at the~~ near the end of this time period, the people went back to believing their irrational ~~there~~ theories about the cause of disease, based on no medical knowledge at all - demonstrating the little to no progress made.



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What is your examiner looking for? **The judgement**

A judgement made at the beginning of the answer.



I mostly agree that there was significant progress in medical knowledge in the Renaissance period because of the printing press and the work of Harvey and Vesalius. However, the Great Plague shows that realistically, there was little progress at all.

Referred to throughout.

The judgement is concluded at the end of the answer.

Judgement is explained.



To conclude, I ~~now~~ mostly agree with the statement because although the Great Plague caused people to turn back to their old ways, there was significant progress in medical knowledge made by Harvey and Vesalius, and the printing press - which cannot be discredited because of the setback ~~an~~ caused by the Great plague.



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What makes a good answer?

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

“There was progress in medical knowledge during the Renaissance period ...”

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

“This shows progress because ...”, “This led to progress in medical knowledge because ...”, “However, this shows it wasn’t significant progress because ...”

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

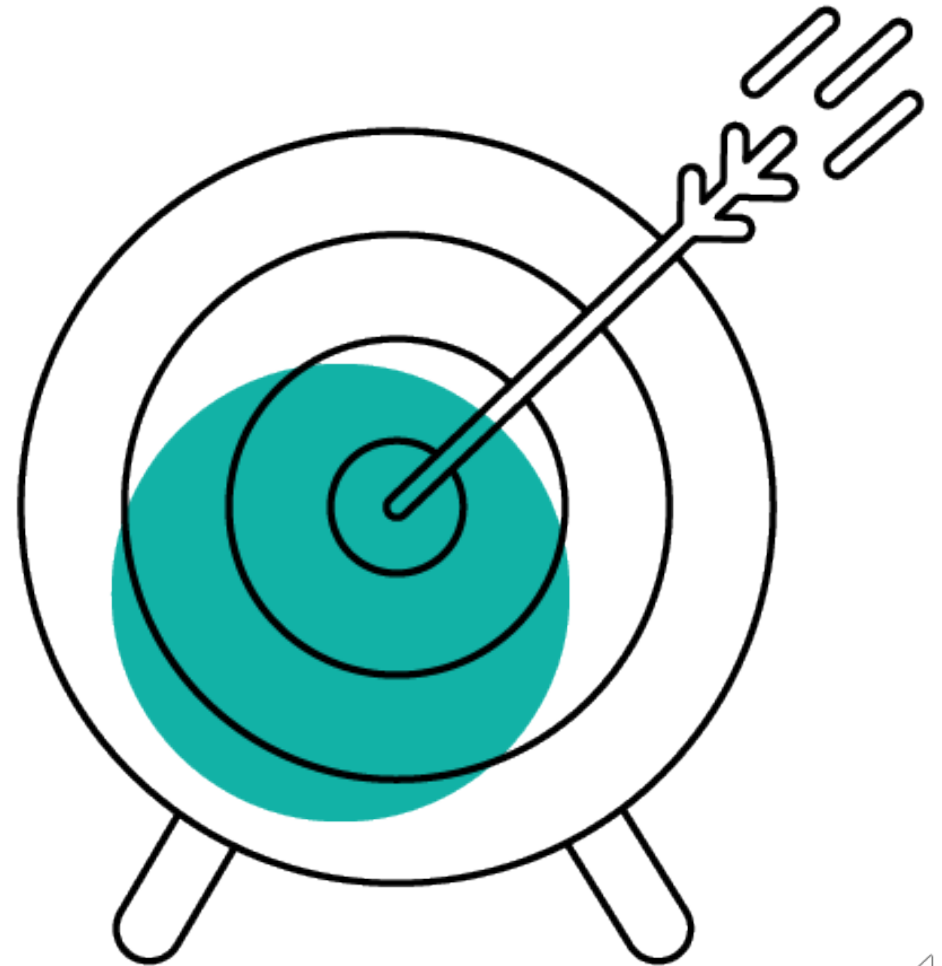
“This can be seen when ...”



Student support

In this video we have looked at how you should answer Q5 and Q6 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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