

History School Exam Skills

How do I structure my answers?



Monday 11th December (am) Paper 1 1h15: Medicine and Western Front

Wednesday 13th December (pm) 55mins: Paper 2 American West

Paper 1 (Total: 52 marks)

SECTION A The British sector of the Western Front

1. Describe **two** features of... [4]

2a. How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into... [8]

2b. How could you follow up Source _ to find out more about... [4]

Total marks for this section: 16

6 minutes per paragraph



SECTION B Medicine In Britain, c.1250-present

3. Explain one way that ... was similar / different in (compares two time periods) [4]

1x PEEL

4. Explain why there was rapid change in (one time period) [12]

This question could also ask about continuity.

5. **OR** 6. **(CHOOSE 1 OF THESE QUESTIONS)** [16]

'Statement' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Bullet point 1
- Bullet point 2

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

4 SPAG Marks for Q5/6

Total marks for this section: 36

Spend 25 minutes on this section

2a

NOP: value and limitations

Content: Value and limitations

Link to knowledge

NOP = Nature, Origin, Purpose

Spend 50 minutes on this section

3 x PEEL

Link to the Question

Specific, detailed knowledge

3x PEEL PLUS CONCLUSION

Include specific, detailed knowledge

2 –sided argument (agree AND disagree)

Judgement: Compare the importance of the reasons



Paper 2 Section A (Total: 32 marks)

SECTION A The American West, c.1835-1895

1. Explain **two** consequences of... [8]

2 x PEEL, using detailed knowledge

Consequence language:

As a result, ...

The effect of this was...

This led to...

Because of this...

Consequently...

2. Write a narrative account analysing... [8]

You may use the following in your answer:

- Bullet point 1
- Bullet point 2

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

3 paragraphs showing a sequence of events leading to the outcome

As a result... This led to...

3. Explain **two** of the following:

- The importance of... for ... [8]
- The importance of... for ... [8]
- The importance of... for ... [8]

2 x PEEL per bullet point

Includes detailed, specific knowledge.

Explains importance

CHOOSE 2 BULLET POINTS TO EXPLAIN [16]

Total marks for this section: 32

