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Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1)

Friday 15 May 2026

Morning (Time: 1 hour 20 minutes)

Paper reference **1HI0/12**

History

PAPER 1: Thematic study and historic environment
Option 12: Warfare and British society, c1250–present
and London and the Second World War, 1939–45

You must have:
 Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are two sections in this question paper. Answer all parts of Questions 1 and 2 from Section A. From Section B, answer Questions 3 and 4 and then **EITHER** Question 5 **OR** Question 6.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 52.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A**London and the Second World War, 1939–45****Answer Questions 1 and 2.**

- 1** (a) Describe one feature of the types of bomb used in German attacks on London.

(2)

- (b) Describe one feature of leisure activities in London during the Blitz.

(2)

(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)

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QUESTION 2 IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.



2 (a) Study Sources A and B in the Sources Booklet.

How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into the use of public air raid shelters?
Explain your answer, using Sources A and B and your knowledge of the historical context.

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(b) Study Source B.

How could you follow up Source B to find out more about the use of public air raid shelters?

In your answer, you must give the question you would ask and the type of source you could use.

Complete the table below.

(4)

Detail in Source B that I would follow up:

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Question I would ask:

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What type of source I could use:

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How this might help answer my question:

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 16 MARKS

SECTION B

Warfare and British society, c1250–present

Answer Questions 3 and 4. Then answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

- 3** Explain one way in which recruitment to the feudal army in the medieval period (c1250-1500) was different from recruitment to the army in the modern period (c1900-present).

(Total for Question 3 = 4 marks)

4 Explain why the composition of the army changed in the modern period (c1900-present).

(12)

You may use the following in your answer:

- tanks
- bomb disposal

You must also use information of your own.

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Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

Spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology will be assessed in your chosen question.

EITHER

- 5** 'The development of weapons using gunpowder was the most significant change in the nature of warfare in the years c1250-c1700.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer. (16)

You may use the following in your answer:

- cannon
- Cromwell's New Model Army

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6** 'The role of the commander was the most significant factor affecting the outcome of battles in the years c1700-c1900.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer. (16)

You may use the following in your answer:

- Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo
- mass production of weapons

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terminology = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 36 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 52 MARKS



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Sources Booklet

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source A: A photograph taken at a London Underground Tube station on 13 October 1940. It was published in the Daily Mirror national newspaper. It shows people sheltering during an air raid.



Source B: Rules issued by Westminster City Council in London about the use of public air raid shelters during the Blitz.

Shelter Rules

1. People must obey any instructions given by the shelter warden.
2. Animals must not be brought into this shelter.
3. Smoking is forbidden.
4. People must not make changes to the shelter or any equipment inside the shelter.
5. People must not try to alter the lighting in the shelter.
6. People should avoid unnecessary movement which may disturb others in the shelter.
7. When the 'All Clear' signal is given, the public must leave the shelter in a quiet and orderly manner.
8. Litter must not be left in the shelter.

Anyone who breaks these rules should be reported to the shelter warden.

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