

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



HISTORY
Unit 6W

HS6S

**Alternative S: Public Health: Problems and Policies,
1830–1914**

Friday 22 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HS6S.
- Answer **all** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on part (c).

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 Read the following sources and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A

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- Source B** From advice given in 1835 by the Reverend Vaughan Thomas to the citizens of Oxford as to how they might avoid cholera.

‘Be clean in your own persons and premises. Do not let any sort of filth gather in drains and gutters, especially where they run through narrow courts and in the midst of a thickly-peopled neighbourhood. If the pump be handy, clean out your gutters, morning and evening, by pumping; if the
5 pump be not handy, throw down buckets of water. Nothing is more likely to spread disease than the foul smells coming off from stagnations of filth.’

Source C

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- (a) Use **Source A** and your own knowledge.

Assess the validity of Wohl's view about the reasons why the development of, and improvement to, the water supply were erratic. *(10 marks)*

- (b) Use **Source B** and your own knowledge.

How useful is **Source B** as evidence about approaches towards fighting disease? *(10 marks)*

- (c) Use **Sources A, B and C** and your own knowledge.

'It was the conflict between rival vested interests over general improvements, more than any other factor, which delayed progress in public health in the years 1830 to 1914.'

Assess the validity of this view. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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