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GCSE

# History B

91453 Britain at War

Controlled Assessment Tasks (Specimen Only)

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## Introduction

In studying this component of British history in the twentieth century, it will be necessary to cover other relevant aspects of the subject content in order to provide a broader historical context for students before they engage upon their research.

The **key questions** that should be considered are:

- To what extent did methods employed by British forces when fighting in the different modes of warfare change, and how far did technological change have an impact on British strategy in the two world wars?
- Why were Britain and her allies victorious in the First World War and the Second World War?

The **subject content** that should be considered in relation to the First World War and the Second World War is:

- British campaigns on land. Methods of fighting and the impact of new technology: trench warfare, gas, tanks, machine guns, air power and their impact on the Western Front and Gallipoli in the First World War; tanks, co-ordinated air, sea and land strategies and their effects in the Second World War and their effects in different theatres.
- British campaigns at sea. Methods of fighting and the impact of new technology.
- British campaigns in the air. Methods of fighting and the impact of new technology.

Completion of this controlled assessment task must reflect the specified levels of control in current Ofqual regulations for controlled assessment.

The following questions are intended to be answered by reference to the sources in the Sources Booklet provided for this component.

### **Controlled Assessment Specimen Tasks, Britain at War**

- 1** Study **Sources A to D**. Explain how useful these sources have been in informing you in your enquiry into the impact of airpower on British campaigns during the First and Second World Wars.

Explain your answer using the sources **and your knowledge**.

**[16 marks]**

- 2** Study **Sources E to K**.

‘The War at Sea made a much more significant contribution to the British war effort in the Second World War than it did in the First World War.’

How far do **Sources E to K** support this interpretation of the War at Sea in both World Wars?

Explain your answer using the sources as well as **your knowledge**.

**[24 marks]**

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