



Friday 23 May 2014 – Morning

GCSE HISTORY B (MODERN WORLD)

A972/21 British Depth Study, 1890–1918

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Study the Background Information and the sources carefully. You should spend at least ten minutes doing this.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **53**.
- This document consists of **10** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.
- Questions marked with a pencil (✎) will carry 3 additional marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in Question 6.

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How was British Society changed, 1890–1918?

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully. You are advised to spend at least ten minutes doing this.

In answering the questions, you will need to use your knowledge of the topic to interpret and evaluate the sources. When you are asked to use specific sources you must do so, but you may also use any of the other sources if they are relevant.

Answer **ALL** the questions.

1 Study Source A.

What can you learn from this source? Use details of the source and your knowledge to explain your answer. **[6]**

2 Study Source B.

How far are you surprised by this source? Use details of the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. **[8]**

3 Study Source C.

How useful is this source to an historian studying the home front in World War One? Use details of the source and your knowledge to explain your answer. **[7]**

4 Study Source D.

Why was this source published in May 1915? Use details of the source and your knowledge to explain your answer. **[8]**

5 Study Sources E and F.

How similar are these two sources? Use details of the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. **[9]**

 **6** Study **all** the sources, A–G.

‘In the years 1914–18 people in Britain did not know what was really happening in the war.’

How far do the sources in this paper support this statement? Use details from the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. Remember to identify the sources you use. **[12]**

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar **[3]**

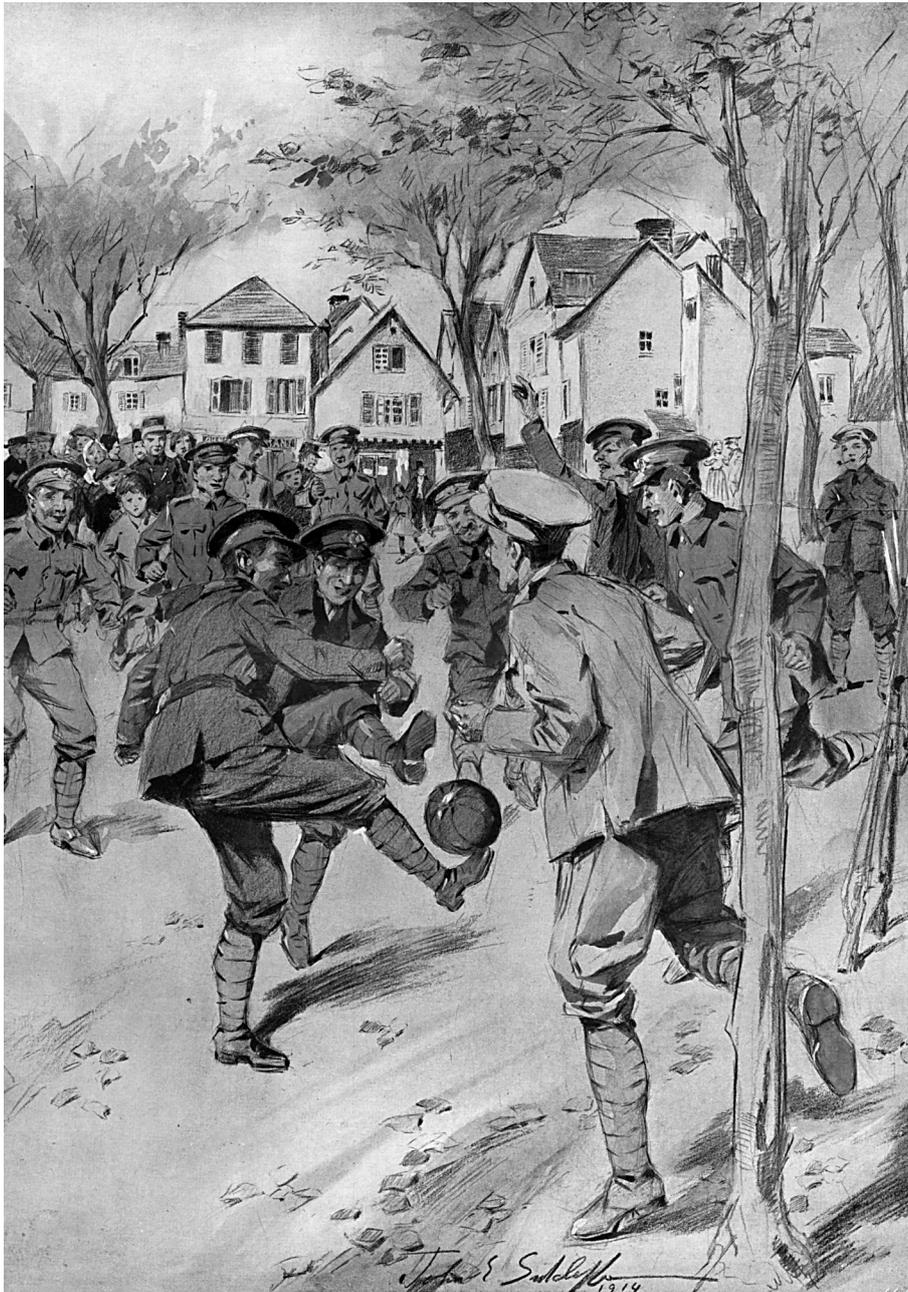
How was British society changed, 1890–1918?

Propaganda and censorship during the First World War

Background Information

In 1914 the First World War broke out. In the years that followed, millions of men fought and died in terrible conditions in the trenches on the Western Front. People at home supported the war at first, and thousands of young men volunteered to join the army. Their families were proud of them but also anxious. They were eager to know what was happening on the front line. However, the government was worried that if people knew too much they might give away information to the enemy, or they might stop supporting the war effort. So did people know what was really happening in the war?

SOURCE A



Our Happy Tommies in France

*A picture from a British newspaper published in October 1914.
Tommies was a nickname for British soldiers.*

SOURCE B

Our readers continually write to us and ask for more information about what is happening in the war in France and Belgium. We invite our readers who have friends and relatives serving as soldiers with the British Expeditionary Force to send to The Formby Times any letters they may receive from the front. The letters, which will afterwards be returned, should be accompanied by the envelope in which they are received, together with the name, rank and regiment of the writer, and the name and address in full of the person to whom they have been written. No reference to the regiment or their location will, of course, be published.

From an article in The Formby Times, a local newspaper, 1914.

SOURCE C

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| Tuesday, 15 September | Stayed in bed all day. Dead to the world. Not worth even half a German. |
| Tuesday, 22 September | Agnes doing some baking at night. Disaster in North Sea. Three British cruisers sunk by German submarines. |
| Wednesday, 23 September | About 200 wounded British soldiers arrived at Stobhill Hospital last Monday. Some British aviators flew over Cologne and bombed a Zeppelin shed. |
| Sunday, 27 September | Very windy day. Typhus broken out among the Germans at Brussels. |
| Wednesday, 30 September | Much better weather, fine and sunny. Allies pressing the Germans stiffly in the Big Battle. |
| Saturday, 3 October | Big Battle still raging. German attacks shattered the London Scottish at the front. The Belgian city of Antwerp besieged. All of us in town this afternoon. This is Belgian Flag Day, so we put on our flags. |

From the diary of an office worker in Britain, September – October 1914.

SOURCE D



How the German Gas Devil Comes – Thick Green Mist Rolling Towards The Trench

*A picture published in a British newspaper in May 1915 showing a gas attack.
This was the first time gas was used in the war.*

SOURCE E

Dear Sir

I know you will be very interested in the doings of the Durham Light Infantry Regiment at the Battle of the Somme. On July 7th one of our companies went into action against a German position. Most of the company reached the first line of German defences and a good part of them reached as far as the third line. They all gave a very good account of themselves, and the men kept going even after all of their officers and sergeants were killed. Nothing could equal the extraordinary bravery of our men. On the same day the other two companies of our regiment attacked German positions and suffered very heavy losses. In spite of this they were as cheery and full of fight as they were at the beginning of the attack.

*From a letter by a soldier about the Battle of the Somme.
The letter was published in July 1916 in one of Durham's local newspapers.*

SOURCE F

**GREAT BRITISH VICTORY
VIGOROUS ONSLAUGHT ON THE GERMAN LINE
5000 PRISONERS CAPTURED**

One of the most decisive battles on the Somme was fought by the British Army on Friday and Saturday, when another great movement was made in 'the big push' with disastrous results for the enemy. The following detailed report was issued by the Government Press Bureau:

'Exactly on time and with perfect discipline our infantry, supported by armoured cars, moved forward to the assault, under cover from accurate fire from our artillery. The German front line was taken everywhere except at two minor points. British forces did suffer some losses, which are still being assessed. However, enemy losses were believed to be much higher and about 5000 prisoners have been taken.'

From an article published in a national newspaper in September 1916.

SOURCE G

Studies of propaganda and censorship have concentrated almost exclusively on the national press, ignoring the supreme importance of the local press during this period. Local papers like The Kentish Mercury, covering just a corner of south east London, had over 25 000 readers, which was impressive compared to The Times' national figure of 150 000.

Contrary to the traditional view, these local papers, along with letters between soldiers on active service and their relatives, show that a great deal of information was available back in Britain. The openness of the local press increased dramatically. People read the local papers to find out how the local regiment was getting on, and the boys told them through their letters to the local paper.

An extract from an article by an historian, published in 2002.

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