

13+ History Examination

Guidance

The History section of the Humanities paper presents students with two sources about a historical topic. Some general context about the topic will also be provided. Using the sources as stimuli, students are then invited to answer questions which are weighted 4 and 8 marks.

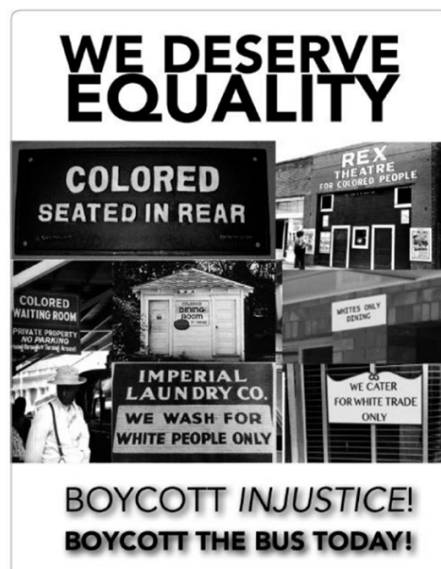
The first question will assess your ability to make inferences about the past and is worth 4 marks.

For example:

Study Source A below and then answer Question 1.

Question 1. Give two things you can infer from Source A about civil rights for black Americans in the 1950s

Source A. A poster published by the Women's Political Council in 1955. The WPC was a civil rights organisation in Montgomery. The poster was distributed in Montgomery on the first day of the bus boycott.



The second question will assess your utility skills and it is worth 8 marks.

For example:

Study Source A below and then answer Question 2.

Question 2. How useful is Source A for an enquiry into the effects of a gas attack? Explain your answer, using Source A and your knowledge of the historical context.

Source A: From a diary account by Dr Harvey Cushing, 25 April 1915. Cushing worked as a surgeon on the Western Front.

When we got to the ambulances, we heard about a recent gas attack. A huge, greenish cloud of smoke with a yellowish top had rolled down from the German trenches. Only sixty men out of a thousand survived the attack.

Later, I saw some of those who had been affected. Two of them were still conscious but gasping for breath, their faces discoloured, and they were about to die. I hoped they didn't have long to wait, poor chaps.

Then we saw many of the severely gassed men who had arrived at the hospital this morning. It was a terrible business. One man's face was dark blue and with every cough, he coughed up a thick stream of discoloured phlegm. He was too busy struggling to breathe to bother much about anything else – a most horrible form of death.

Students are given 25 minutes in total to complete these questions.