1.1 Medicine in Britain, c1250-c1500: Ideas About the Cause and Treatment of Disease: Test Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 15 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 15 minutes on this pack.

1 Name the ancient Greek physician who is credited with first developing the idea that a person's health depended on a balance of four humours in the body.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Explain two ways in which the medical training of a university-educated physician and the practice of an unlicensed healer, such as a village wise woman, were similar in medieval Britain.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Describe two treatments, other than bloodletting, that were used to try to cure illness in medieval Britain.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

4 Give the year in which the first and most severe outbreak of the Black Death reached England.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

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5 State one method used by medieval physicians to try to identify which humour was out of balance in a patient.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

6 Give one reason why the medieval Church was able to control medical education at English universities.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

Hippocrates **B1**

Answer: Hippocrates

Question 2

both aimed to restore a healthy balance of the four humours in the patient, e.g. through remedies intended to add or remove heat, moisture, blood or bile **B2**

both drew on a shared stock of herbal remedies, sometimes based on the Doctrine of Signatures (the idea that a plant's appearance showed which ailment it could treat), to prepare medicines **B2**

Answer: Both aimed to rebalance the humours, and both used herbal remedies, some based on the Doctrine of Signatures.

Question 3

purging: using herbal laxatives or emetics to remove 'excess' bile or phlegm from the body and restore humoural balance **B2**

prayer and pilgrimage: visiting the shrine of a saint associated with a particular illness, or praying for God's forgiveness and healing, sometimes alongside physical remedies **B2**

Answer: Purging (herbal laxatives/emetics) and prayer or pilgrimage to a saint's shrine (any two valid treatments).

Question 4

1348 (accept 1348-49) **B1**

Answer: 1348

Question 5

examining a sample of the patient's urine (uroscopy) **B1**

checking its colour, smell and sometimes taste, often comparing it against a printed urine chart **B1**

Answer: Uroscopy: examining the colour, smell and taste of a patient's urine, often using a printed urine chart.

Question 6

the Church founded and ran the universities, such as Oxford **B1**

so it controlled which texts could be studied and taught, approving only those consistent with Christian teaching **B1**

Answer: The Church founded and ran the universities, so it controlled the curriculum and approved texts.

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