1.13 The Role of Government and Legislation in Medical Change, c1250-1900: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 Name one kind of local official in medieval towns who might be responsible for cleaning streets or regulating waste.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 State two actions that Tudor and Stuart plague orders could require when an outbreak occurred.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Give two duties that the 1875 Public Health Act required of local authorities.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

4 Explain one way in which medieval borough regulations on water and waste were similar to the public health duties imposed on local authorities by the Public Health Act 1875.

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

a town beadle, a bailiff, or a town warden **B1**

Answer: A town beadle (or bailiff or town warden)

Question 2

closing houses where infection was suspected **B1**

appointing watchmen or searchers to enforce quarantine **B1**

Answer: E.g. closing infected houses and appointing watchmen to enforce quarantine.

Question 3

to provide clean water **B1**

to provide proper sewage disposal **B1**

Answer: To provide clean water and proper sewage disposal.

Question 4

identifies similarity, e.g. both required local officials to take responsibility for keeping water sources and streets clean **B2**

supporting detail, e.g. medieval beadles or wardens enforced rules about waste near wells, while the 1875 Act obliged local councils to provide clean water and manage sewage, showing continuity in local sanitary responsibility **B2**

Answer: Both put responsibility on local officials to protect water and remove waste: medieval beadles enforced cleanliness around wells and streets, and the 1875 Act made local councils responsible for clean water and sewage disposal.

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