1.9 The Black Death, 1348-49: Causes, Spread and Contemporary Responses: 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 Give the name commonly used in medieval and modern sources for the form of plague that caused swelling of the lymph nodes.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name one medieval explanation for the Black Death that understood it as a moral or spiritual event.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 State two typical symptoms of the Black Death in 1348-49.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

4 Give the name of the religious movement whose members publicly whipped themselves to seek God's forgiveness during the Black Death.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Name one herb or aromatic plant commonly used in medieval plague remedies or to scent the air.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

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6 State two social or economic consequences of the Black Death in England after 1348-49.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

7 State one treatment medieval physicians used that attempted to rebalance the four humours, and explain briefly how it was supposed to help.

(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

bubonic plague **B1**

Answer: Bubonic plague

Question 2

God's punishment **B1**

Answer: God's punishment

Question 3

a swollen, painful buboe (swollen lymph node) **B1**

high fever and delirium (or severe chills and weakness) **B1**

Answer: A swollen, painful buboe and a high fever with delirium.

Question 4

flagellants **B1**

Answer: Flagellants

Question 5

rosemary (or sage, lavender or rue) **B1**

Answer: Rosemary

Question 6

labour shortages, leading to higher wages for workers **B1**

disruption of trade and manorial labour, contributing to social unrest and changes in land use **B1**

Answer: Labour shortages that helped push up wages, and disruption to trade and manorial labour which contributed to social unrest and changes in land use.

Question 7

identifies a treatment, e.g. bloodletting or purging **B1**

gives supporting detail, e.g. it was supposed to remove excess blood or humours thought to cause illness and restore balance **B1**

Answer: Bloodletting, intended to remove excess blood and restore the balance of the four humours.

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