2.7 The Western Front, 1914-18: Historical Enquiry Skills and the Historic Environment: 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 type of official record, created by army units at the time, that historians can use to investigate the medical services on the Western Front.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Give two reasons why historians need to consider the nature, origin and purpose of a source before deciding how useful it is for a particular enquiry.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Describe two features of official RAMC records that make them a useful source for historians investigating the Western Front's medical services.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

a war diary (accept RAMC unit war diary, or medical case notes/admission and discharge registers) **B1**

Answer: A war diary (RAMC unit war diary)

Question 2

the nature of a source (what type it is, for example an official record, personal diary, or physical remains) affects what kind of information it can realistically provide **B2**

the origin and purpose of a source (who created it, when, and why) can affect how accurate, complete or one-sided the information in it is, so must be weighed against the specific enquiry being investigated **B2**

Answer: A source's nature determines what it can show, and its origin/purpose can affect its accuracy or bias, so both must be weighed against the specific enquiry.

Question 3

feature 1 identified, e.g. official records such as war diaries and medical returns were created at the time, close to the events they describe **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. this makes them a strong source for accurate dates, numbers and official decisions rather than accounts written or remembered much later **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. they were compiled systematically across many units, rather than describing only one person's experience **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. this allows historians to compare figures between different stations or dates, rather than relying on a single individual's account **B1**

Answer: Any two features, e.g. official records were created at the time (giving accurate dates/numbers), and were compiled systematically across many units (allowing comparison).

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