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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level

Thursday 5 June 2025

Morning (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **WHI03/1B**

History

International Advanced

PAPER 3: Thematic Study with Source Evaluation

Option 1B: The British Experience of Warfare, 1803–1945

You must have:
Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer Question 1 in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer Question 1. Write your answer in the space provided.

Study Sources 1 and 2 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.

- 1** How far could the historian make use of Sources 1 and 2 together to investigate the difficulties faced in attempting to solve the problems related to the health and welfare of troops in the Crimean War?

Explain your answer using both sources, the information given about them and your own knowledge of the historical context.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS



SECTION B**Answer ONE question in Section B.****You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.****EITHER**

- 2** 'The key features of the British experience of war, in the years 1803–15 and in the years 1899–1902, were essentially similar.'

How far do you agree with this judgement?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3** 'Technological developments had a significant effect on warfare on the Western Front in the years 1914–18 but had little effect on the type of warfare used against Nazi Germany in the years 1939–45.'

How far do you agree with this judgement?

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Chosen question number: **Question 2** ☒ **Question 3** ☐

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source 1: From a letter written by Florence Nightingale to Sidney Herbert, the Minister for War, 25 November 1854. Nightingale was an English social reformer who came to prominence while serving as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War. She was writing from the military hospital at Scutari, Turkey.

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My dearest friend, you would not believe what is here. It is hard to know how to begin to tell you of the conditions that I have found. There is no provision for adequate washing for either the medical staff or for the wounded soldiers. There is a lack of clean water. A large London hospital might have 500 patients in any one night but here we receive up to 2,500. I deeply regret that the death rate is averaging 100 every night. 5

Dr Andrew Smith, the Head of the Army Medical Department, assured me that there were no supply shortages and that all supplies were in safe hands. I have not found this to be true. There have been no cases of cholera but there has been a great deal of dysentery and about half of our amputation cases do not survive surgery. The lack of hygiene plays a part. 10

When we talked in London you suggested the possibility of setting up a Commission of Inquiry into the situation. This must be done at the earliest opportunity. The Government has been deceived. We have been shown impressive lists of supplies sent from Britain but very little has actually reached us. I have had to rely on money from a fund set up by *The Times* newspaper to purchase basic necessities. There are insufficient beds and very little cooking equipment or fresh food and water. The dead lie all around us often sewn into blankets and such indignity is just accepted. 15 20

Source 2: From a letter written by Sir John Hall to Dr Smith, Head of the Army Medical Department, 6 April 1856. Sir John Hall was the Inspector General for Hospitals and in overall charge of all medical facilities in the Crimean War.

Miss Nightingale got authority from the Minister of State for War to be acknowledged as head of all the nurses just in Turkey, and this has caused trouble. She is ambitious and wants all power over all hospitals and is working against the true interests of the Medical Department.

Because of the political influence she has at home, the Medical Department is overlooked in all that is good regarding our hospital arrangements. Every success is simply credited to her genius by a great part of the press. There seems to be a belief that she arrived and immediately order sprung out of chaos. This is not so. In fact, when Miss Nightingale, using the authority delegated to her by the Minister for War, tried to exercise personal control over all the nurses working in all the hospitals, she was disappointed because they refused to serve under her orders. This must have been a source of great annoyance to her.

Miss Nightingale wants an unquestioned and unlimited right to take any supplies for whatever she thinks appropriate, without any reference whatever to the Medical authorities. I have refused to agree to this and shall continue to do so until ordered not to. Such demands are not required for the sick and are simply troublemaking. Miss Nightingale does not require stores on that scale for the hospital service. The head of French medical services seemed amazed at our manner of doing business and described her as a 'petticoat empress'.

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