

Edexcel 16 mark essay Questions 5 or 6 on cause/consequence, change/continuity, significance, or similarity/difference

Edexcel GCSE History Paper 1 Thematic Study: **Medicine in Britain c1250 - present**

Lesson context

Following a class visit to Thackray Medical Museum, images and artefacts from the museum prompt students to display deeper understanding and more detailed contextual knowledge in their answers to 16 mark Edexcel exam style essay questions.

Learning

- A scripted drama in which characters from Thackray Museum's 1842 Street analyse an essay question, then act out a balanced answer, supported by evidence.
- Essay technique using 'hands' to encourage students to explore both sides of an argument.
- Support in reaching a judgement based on the weight of evidence.

Rationale

There are 3 Thackray Medical Museum Edexcel 16 mark essay question Worksheets.

They are:

1. **Jenner's vaccination against smallpox was a major breakthrough in the prevention of disease during the period 1700 to 1900.'**

How far do you agree? Explain your answer. (16 marks)

2. **'Cholera germs had more to fear from Dr John Snow than they did from scientist, Louis Pasteur.'**

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.* (16 marks)

3. **'The 1875 Public Health Act improved the filthy living conditions in industrial towns like Leeds.'**

How far do you agree? Explain your answer. (16 marks)

We suggest you start with **Worksheet 1**, the scripted drama on the significance of Jenner, which includes detailed tips on essay technique and shows students how to incorporate supporting evidence in the answers, concluding with a balanced judgement.

*Question taken from Edexcel textbook *Medicine Through Time, c1250 - present*, by Ian Dawson

Lesson preparation

- **Worksheet 1:** print off the **Thackray Edexcel Drama Lesson Plan Significance of Jenner** document and follow the detailed instructions.

Worksheet 2 and 3

Lesson preparation

- Print off a class set of **Worksheet 2**. It includes step by step support for students in planning a balanced argument supported by evidence.
- Assess the time required for your class to work through this worksheet and tackle the essay question.
- Incorporate timings into your lesson plan.

Suggestions

- Set **Worksheet 3** as a timed exam test in class or a homework task.