

# 2009 HSC Modern History

## Sample Answers

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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### Section I — World War I 1914–1919

#### Question 1 (a) (i)

*Sample answer:*

Luxembourg OR Belgium

#### Question 1 (a) (ii)

*Sample answer:*

It omitted the swing to the west of Paris

#### Question 1 (b)

*Sample answer:*

Any THREE of the following:

- unworkable
- paid insufficient heed to the problems of over extended supply lines
- inadequate communication systems
- fatigue of troops
- unpredictability of battle
- miscalculated the speed of Russian mobilisation
- level of resistance which Belgian forces and civilians would offer
- changes wrought by Moltke did little or nothing to improve it
- changes made by Moltke undermined its already tenuous prospects of success

## Question 2

### *Answers could include: Source A*

- Modification of Schlieffen Plan
- Battle of Marne
- French & British forces stopped German Army which was driven back
- Paris saved

### *Source B*

- Unworkable
- Paid insufficient heed to the problems of over extended supply lines
- Inadequate communication systems
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- Unpredictability of battle
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### *Own knowledge*

- Symbolic nature of the failure to capture Paris– but armies still fight on
- Technology: machine gun
- Development system of trenches
- Lack understanding of generals
- Failure of outflanking movements (race to the sea)
- Need of part of German Army to face Russian Army

### Question 3

#### *Answers could include:*

##### *Source C*

###### Perspective

- Photograph
- Primary source
- British
- Young woman working in munitions
- Late in the war

###### Reliability

- Seems to be posed
- Inconsistent with other photographs of women munitions workers
- A government source
- Looking at camera
- Inconsistent with Source D/munitions as dangerous/dirty work
- Atypical photograph

###### Usefulness

- Useful as eg, government propaganda
- Types of work women did
- Question usefulness not accurate depiction of women experiences
- In Britain during war
- Only one part women's lives/experience in Britain

##### *Source D*

###### Perspective

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century historians secondary source
- Summary

###### Reliability

- Benefit of hindsight
- Benefit of research
- Detail to support conclusions
- Collaborates with other sources/student knowledge

###### Usefulness

- Highly useful
- Provides generalized overview
- Range of experiences of women during the war
- Focuses during war and impact of the war
- May state more useful than Source D
- Motivations of women's contribution to war effort

## **Section III — Personalities in the Twentieth Century**

### **Question 13 (a)**

*Answers could include:*

Narrative, descriptive detail from personality's life.

### **Question 13 (b)**

*Answers could include:*

- Evaluation of significance of the personality
- Interpretation from a number of historians
- Historiography's role in evaluation and significance of the personality