



B O A R D O F S T U D I E S
NEW SOUTH WALES

2010 HSC Modern History Sample Answers

This document contains ‘sample answers’, or, in the case of some questions, ‘answers could include’. These are developed by the examination committee for two purposes. The committee does this:

- (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.

The ‘sample answers’ or similar advice are not intended to be exemplary or even complete answers or responses. As they are part of the examination committee’s ‘working document’, they may contain typographical errors, omissions, or only some of the possible correct answers.

Section I — World War I 1914–1919

Part A

Question 7

Answers could include:

- If the wounded couldn't walk
- Makeshift stretchers
- Rough ground in trenches
- Avoiding/stepping over other soldiers

Question 8

Answers could include:

- Growing sense of disillusionment due to military stalemate, compared with earlier sense of adventure, patriotism and expectations of an easy victory
- Poor conditions in trenches (seen in several sources) and problems with leadership, equipment and weapons lower morale
- Later influence of growing war weariness of civilians at home, Bolshevik 'end of war' propaganda

Question 9

Answers could include:

Sources	Perspective	Reliability	Usefulness
E	US source from member of delegation at Paris Conference	Presents and offers awareness of issues but not a key figure	Contemporary view of time and place reporting difference between the main leaders, but loyal to President Wilson and US
F	British source by Lloyd George, British Prime Minister at the time	Memoirs nearly 20 years later defending/justifying his involvement, particularly in light of subsequent criticisms of Treaty and events in the 1930s	Highly useful opinion of a leading participant of the time, even though 20 years later