

**Medicine Past Paper Questions**  
**Paper 2 – Past Paper 1**



**Source A:** A cartoon commenting on the reaction of London conditions to the 1848 Public Health Act, the cartoon was published in the humorous magazine Punch

1. Study Source A. How useful is Source A to a historian trying to understand the development of Public Health in the nineteenth century? (8 marks)
2. Explain the significance of antiseptics in the development of medicine. (8 marks)
3. Compare the Great Plague and cholera. In what ways were they similar? (8 marks)
4. Has war been the main factor in the development of surgery since the medieval times? Explain your answer with reference to war and other factors. Use a range of examples from across your study of Health and the people: c1000 to the present day. (16 marks)

# Elizabeth

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Interpretation A: Adopted from an article by the historian Marjorie K. McIntosh, published in the Journal of Interdisciplinary History in 2004

The Elizabethan Poor Law extended throughout the country the best practices that had been developed over the last 20 years by pioneering towns. The law required that every parish should provide basic food, shelter and clothing for the genuinely needy. However, the law was only applied to people who lived within the parish and exactly who would receive help and how it was to be given were left entirely up to parish officials. The Poor Laws also specified the forms of punishment for the idle or vagrant poor. When viewed in this light, England's so – called triumph in becoming the first European country to bring in poor relief in a nationwide policy looks rather less ambitious and certainly less noble.

1. How convincing is Interpretation A about the success of the 1601 Poor Law? Explain your answer using the interpretation and your contextual knowledge (8 marks)
2. Explain what was important about Elizabeth's marriage issue. (8 marks)
3. Write an account of the ways in which Puritans challenged the Elizabethan church. (8 marks)
4. 'Religion was the most important reason for the outbreak of the Spanish Armada.' How far do you agree with this statement (16 marks)