History A (The Making of the Modern World)
Unit 3: Modern World Source Enquiry
Option 3A: War and the transformation of British society, c1903–28

Tuesday 20 June 2017 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

You must have:
Sources Booklet (enclosed)

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 all questions.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – there may be more space than you need.

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 53.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets
  – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• Questions labelled with an asterisk (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
  – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.
• The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Try to answer every question.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Answer ALL questions.

Look carefully at Sources A to F in the Sources Booklet and then answer Questions 1 to 5 which follow.

1 Study Source A.

What can you learn from Source A about school medical inspections in London? (6)

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2 Study Source B and use your own knowledge.

What was the purpose of this representation?

Use details of the poster and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

(8)
3 Study Source C and use your own knowledge.

Use Source C and your own knowledge to explain why the School Meals Act of 1906 was introduced.

(10)
4 **Study Sources D and E and use your own knowledge.**

How reliable are Sources D and E as evidence of the benefits of the first old age pensions?

Explain your answer, using Sources D and E and your own knowledge.

(10)
*5 Study Sources A, B and F and use your own knowledge.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in this question.

Source F suggests that the Liberal welfare reforms achieved very little.

How far do you agree with this interpretation? Use your own knowledge, Sources A, B and F and any other sources you find helpful to explain your answer.

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Do not return this Sources Booklet with the question paper.
Historical Enquiry: The Liberals and social reform

Source A: From a report by a doctors’ organisation, the British Medical Association, in 1911. It is about medical inspections and the treatment of children in London. School medical inspections had been introduced by the Liberals in 1907.

There are issues with the systems used by the London County Council for school medical inspections. A large proportion of medical problems, probably at least half, among the children are certainly overlooked. Also, for children whose medical problems are identified, the treatment is very inadequate. For example, the Throat Hospital was informed that 1,000 children needed treatment during 1910. Only 131 were actually treated.

Source B: A poster published by the Liberal government in 1911 about the National Insurance Act.

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12d (pence) = 1/- (shilling)
Source C: From a report in the newspaper *Norwich Mercury*, September 1905, about a meeting of the Norwich City Council.

Councillor Witard said ‘National Labour politicians have asked if the Council can do something for the many starving children who attend schools. We have many cases in Norwich in which parents do not earn enough money to feed their children properly. One schoolmaster tells me that some of the children in his school are not fed well enough to learn properly.’

Source D: A cartoon about old age pensions. It was published in 1909 in a popular magazine called *Punch.*
Source E: From the memoirs of J R Clynes, published in 1937. Clynes was a Labour MP from 1906.

The Old Age Pensions Act was brought in by Mr Lloyd George, and provided pensions for some half a million men and women over seventy years of age. However, some members of the Labour Party were very angry and disappointed at the limitations of the pension proposals. Pensions were to be paid at the rate of 5 shillings a week* to persons over seventy years of age who could prove that they had no other income exceeding 10 shillings a week. A married couple over seventy years of age received only 7 shillings and six pence.

*In 1909 average earnings for a working man were about forty shillings a week.


The Liberal governments of 1905–14 introduced a large number of changes. Children benefitted from free school meals and a School Medical Service. In 1908, Lloyd George introduced the Old Age Pensions Act. Workers also benefitted from the National Insurance Act. However, in some ways the Liberal reforms achieved very little. The amounts provided were very small, even by the standards of the day. The health provisions of 1911 were very selective and did not cover the wives and children of workers. The Liberals were criticised for not going far enough.