

## Year 11 History Mock Exam Guidance

The Crime paper is 75 minutes long and has 64 marks available. This means that you should aim to spend about **1 minute per mark**. For example, if a question is worth 5 marks, aim to spend 5 minutes answering it.

The best way to ensure that you answer the **high mark questions** well is to answer them first! Simply turn to Question 6 or 5 in your booklet at the start of the exam and do them first. However, please bear the time limits in mind!

SPAG will only be directly marked on Q. 5, so don't spend a lot of time worrying about how to spell key words in other questions. As long as the examiner can tell what the word is supposed to be, you will get credit for it.

### Advice for specific questions:

**Question 1** will show you three (probably visual) sources and ask you to identify change & continuity or similarity & difference over time. You do have to refer directly to the sources!

**Question 2** will give you two written sources, from different periods, about a topic we have studied such as smuggling or policing. Your task is to explain which of the sources would be more reliable to a historian. In your answer, you should make sure that you think about:

- The **author** of the source (is it a newspaper? A speech in Parliament? A criminal?) and whether this makes them trustworthy
- **What** the sources **say** (are you surprised by what they say or does it agree with your own knowledge of the topic?) and whether this makes them reliable, in your opinion

**Question 3** simply asks you to describe something that we have studied. The more detail and key words you include, the more marks you will get.

**Question 4** asks you explain **why** something was **important**. It is important to note that this question can have confusing wording. For example, the question

“Explain why opportunities for crime increased by the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.”

Is actually asking how **things that changed** in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (changes in technology, Britain's foreign policy, etc.) **caused** an increased in crime.

**Question 5** asks you to write an outline of how the nature or causes of crime have changed over time. This should include information about the **medieval, early modern, industrial** and **20<sup>th</sup> century** periods (so 4 paragraphs, one about each period).

Make sure you focus on how the nature or causes of crime have **changed** over time – don't just say that they have been similar in all periods!

**Question 6** is about the East End of London in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. **6 (a)** will ask you to describe the East End. The more details you include, the more marks you will get. **6 (b)** will ask you to explain **why** the East End was important in the history of crime and punishment. For example, you might be asked to explain **why** the East End became famous for brutal criminals like Jack the Ripper. You might also be asked how the East End contributed to a **reduction** in crime through reporting, charity work, etc.