**First World War Specimen Questions**

1. questions (4 marks)

* What did Germany hope to achieve through its use of U-boats?
* What was No Man’s Land?
* How did Germany plan to fight a war on two fronts?
* What happened in the First Battle of Ypres?
* What happened in the Battle of Verdun?
* What happened on the first day of the Battle of the Somme?
* What were the main problems of life in the trenches?
* How were new weapons used in the First World War?
* How were aircraft used in the First World War?
* What happened in the Battle of Jutland?
* What was the purpose of the Gallipoli Campaign?
* How were British civilians affected by the war?
* How were German civilians affected by the war?
* How were French civilians affected by the war?
* How were Russian civilians affected by the war?
* What were the main terms of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk?
* How did the US affect the first world war?
* Describe Operation Michael
* What happened in Germany between September and November 1918?
* What was the armistice?

1. questions (6 marks)

* Why were tanks of limited use on the Western Front up to the end of 1917?
* Why was Britain able to win the war at sea?
* Why did the Schlieffen Plan fail?
* Why was there a ‘race to the sea’?
* Why was the Battle of Verdun important?
* Why didn’t the Allies achieve a decisive breakthrough in the Battle of the Somme?
* Why was gas of limited use in the First World War?
* Explain why Britain defeated the threat of German U-boats.
* Why was the British blockade of Germany important?
* Why did the Gallipoli Campaign fail?
* Why did Russia withdraw from the war?
* Why did the US join the war?
* Why did Operation Michael fail?
* Why did the Kaiser abdicate?

1. questions (10 marks)

* How successful a military leader was Haig? Explain your answer.
* ‘The Allied losses at the Battle of the Somme were worthwhile’. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
* Constant fear of being attacked was the worst aspect of life in the trenches’? To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
* ‘The Gallipoli campaign of 1915 failed because of the weather.’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
* ‘The blockade of Germany was the most important reason for Allied victory’. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
* ‘The Communist Revolution was the most important reason for Russian withdrawal from the war’. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
* ‘US entry was the most important reason for Allied victory.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
* Events in Germany were the most important reasons for Germany asking for an armistice’. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.