



**HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL
GRADE 8 HISTORY EXAM**

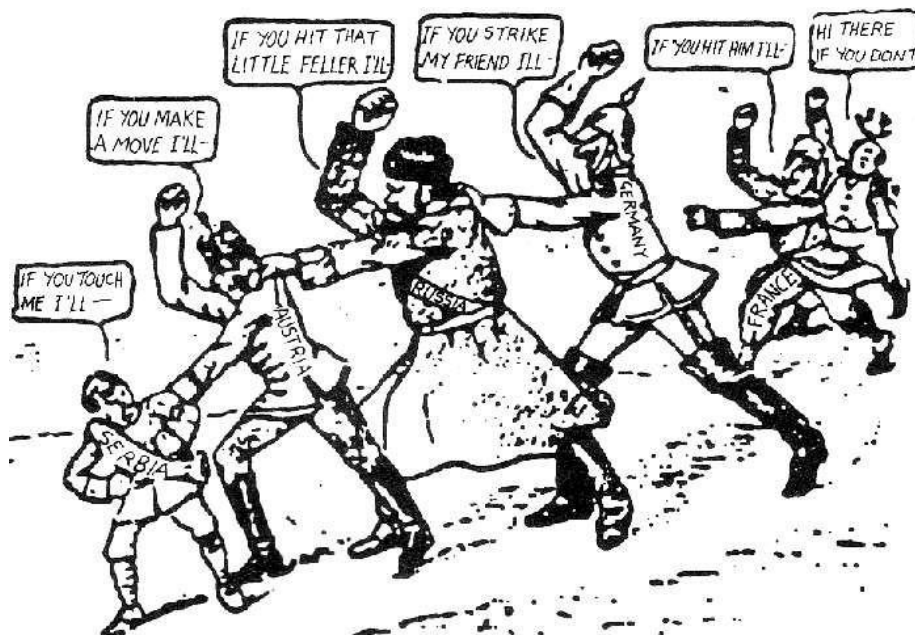
WORLD WAR 1:**SECTION A: SHORT QUESTIONS**

- 1.1 What was the name of the Austria - Hungary heir to the throne? (1x1)(1)
- 1.2 Give the name of the assassin who killed the Austrian - Hungary heir? Explain the reason for the assassination of the Austrian heir? (2x2)(4)
- 1.3 On what date and where did the assassination take place? (2x1)(2)
- 1.4 Using your own knowledge, explain how this incident this became “the spark” that led to World War 1? (1x3)(3)
- 1.5 Give the name of the countries who formed the Triple Alliance? (3X1)(3)
- 1.6 Give the name of the countries who formed the Triple Entente? (3x1)(3)
- 1.7 What were the 4 main causes of World War 1? (4x1)(4)

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SECTION B: SOURCE BASED QUESTIONS

- 2.1 What main cause of World War I is shown in Source A? Explain your answer in full. (1x3)(3)
- 2.2 Look at Source A. Explain who the character in the front of the is? And how does this explain the start of World War 1. (1X2)(2)

Source A:

Refer to Source B.

Source B1

Late during the summer of 1914, train stations all over Europe echoed with the sound of leather boots and the clattering of weapons as millions of enthusiastic young soldiers mobilized for the most glorious conflict. In the eyes of many men, pride and honor glowed in competition with the excitement of a wonderful adventure and the knowledge of righting some perceived infringement on the interests of their respective nation.

Within weeks, however, the excitement and glory gave way to horror and anonymous death, brought on by dangerous new machines of war which took control of the old fields of honor and turned them into desolate moonscapes littered with corpses and wreckage.

The War Times Journal: The Western Front

Extract from a British soldier's war journal

Source B2:

A collection of extracts from letters and books written during the war.

"Even without an enemy firing at you, living in a trench was dangerous and unhealthy. In wet weather, trenches would fill up with water and men would have to wade through mud that was sometimes waist deep. Many died from disease."

Adapted from *Fighting in World War I* Stephen Hoare written in 1986

"He said that he had never seen dead men. The dead lay around him in the mud. The blood had an awful smell, he said, and it made him vomit. He kept wondering if he would be next to die."

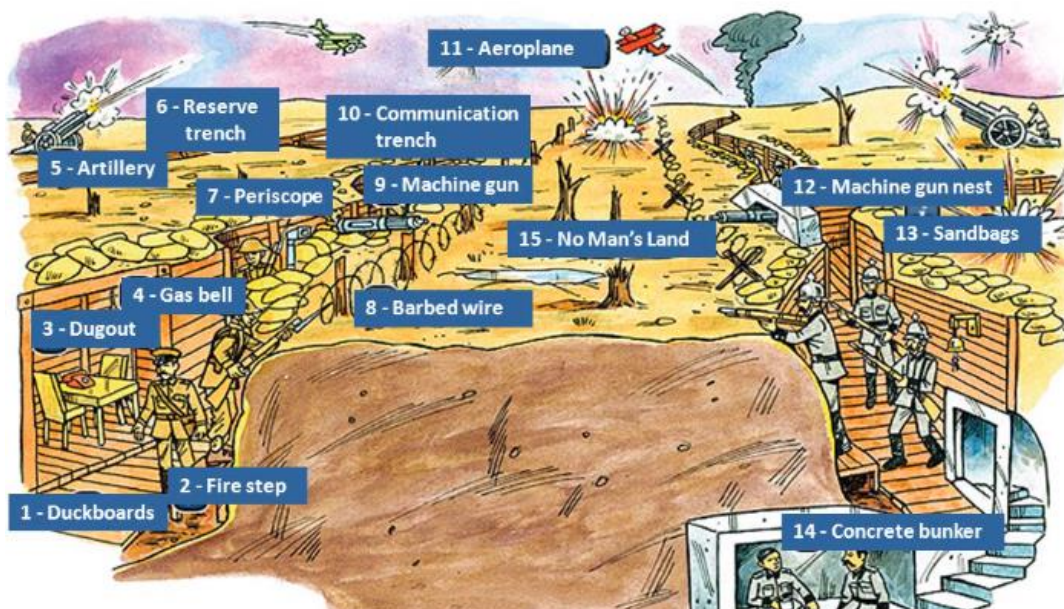
A comment by a mother after her son's return from the war.

2.4. Read Source B1. Explain the excitement the soldiers had towards going to fight in WW1. Quote from the Source. (1x3)(3)

2.5 Quote from Source B1 and B2. From these extracts and your historical knowledge explain how the "glory" of the idea of war faded fast. (2x2)(4)

2.6 Source B2. Explain in full the initial shock of trench warfare. (1X2)(2)

Source C



Source D

For the soldiers in the trenches the mood varied between discomfort, boredom, anxiety and uncertainty.

The soldiers' life was greatly affected by the weather. In rain their trenches could be knee-deep in water. In winter the mud could freeze as hard as rock. In summer it could bake in blistering heat.

For much of the time shells were falling, so working, sleeping or eating the soldiers had to live with the fear of being killed by an exploding shell.

Source E

SOURCE 14 By Sergeant Harry Roberts, who lived in a flooded trench for six days

If you have never had trench feet described to you, I will explain. Your feet swell to two or three times their normal size and go completely dead. You could stick a bayonet into them and not feel a thing.

If you are lucky enough not to lose your feet and the swelling begins to go down, it is then that the indescribable agony begins. I have heard men cry and scream with the pain and many have had to have their feet and legs amputated.

I was one of the lucky ones, but one more day in that trench and it may have been too late.

2.7 Using the information in sources C, D, and E and your own knowledge, write a paragraph of about SIX lines (about 60 words) explaining what life was like when sent to fight in the trenches. (6)

TOTAL: 40