



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 8

HISTORY

NOVEMBER 2025

MARKS: 50

TIME: 1 Hour

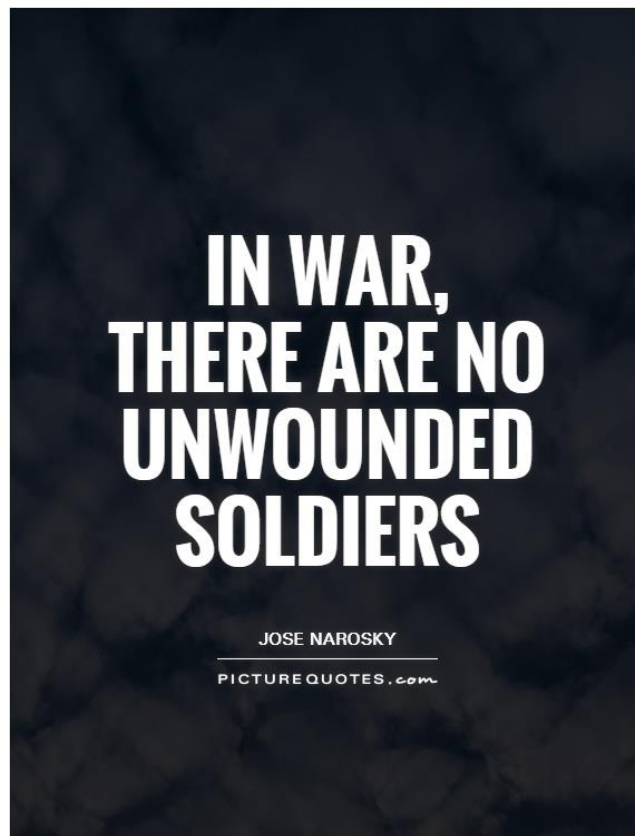
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This Paper Consists of 5 Pages

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of 5 pages, please check that you have all 5 pages.
- This paper consists of 3 sections, Section A, Section B and Section C.
- Number your answers as per the question numbers.
- Leave a line open between each answer.
- **Draw a marking margin on each page.**
- Draw a line after sections.
- Pay attention to time.
- Write neatly and legibly.



SECTION A: Using your own knowledge, answer the questions that follow:

Question 1:

1.1 Define the following:

- a) Armistice (1x1) 1
- b) Casualty (1x1) 1

1.2 Name four of the main long-term causes of World War 1. (4x1) 4

1.3 Provide the alternative name for the Central Powers. (1x1) 1

1.4 Provide the alternative name for the Allied Powers. (1x1) 1

1.5 Explain Gavrilo Princip's role in the trigger event that caused World War 1. (1x3) 3

1.6 Why was the war known as The Great War? (1x2) 2

1.7 Place these events in the correct order. Write the letters only. (4x1) 4

- a) Germany declared war on Russia
- b) Britain declared war on Germany
- c) Austria declared war on Serbia
- d) Germany declared war on France

Subtotal: 17 marks

SECTION B: Source-based questions:

Source A



Key:

- Allied powers
- Neutral nations
- Central powers
- The predicted movement of the German Army

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Question 2: Refer to Source A and your own knowledge, to answer the questions that follow:

- 2.1 Which plan, devised by Germany, is shown in Source A above? (1x1) 1
- 2.2 Which four countries did this plan involve? (4x1) 4
- 2.3 In a short paragraph, explain what the plan entailed and why it failed. (2x2) 4

Source B

Five months into the war, on Christmas Eve, German troops began unwrapping gifts from home, with many having been sent Christmas trees with candles. As the German soldiers lit their lanterns and displayed them on the edge of their trenches, carol singing broke out. Soon enough the British and French troops joined in. Christmas greetings and well wishes were exchanged, and offers of a temporary ceasefire were communicated between the trenches.

Fear and distrust gave way to humanity. As the sun rose on Christmas morning, troops from both sides tentatively made their way out to no man's land. The troops began to greet one another, soldiers had some respite to recover their dead from no man's land and give proper burials to fallen comrades. Men who just hours earlier had been trying to kill each other exchanged cigarettes, food and souvenirs from home. In a number of places caps and jackets became goal posts, as spontaneous games of football broke out, at least one of which the German's allegedly won 3-2.

Adapted from:

<https://www.visionofhumanity.org/the-christmas-truce/>

<https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20231219-the-ww1-christmas-truce-the-war-for-that-moment-came-to-a-standstill>

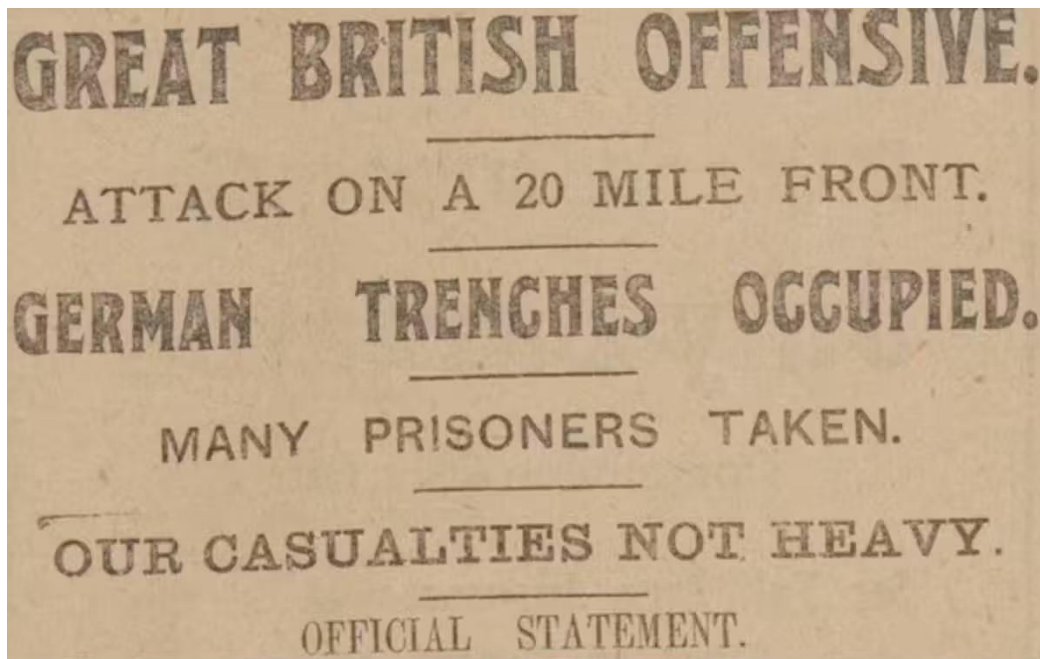
Question 3: Refer to Source B and your own knowledge to answer the questions that follow:

- 3.1 What is the event in Source B known as? (1x1) 1
- 3.2 In which year of the war did this event take place? (1x1) 1
- 3.3 What is meant by 'a temporary ceasefire'? (1x2) 2
- 3.4 Explain what is meant by 'Fear and distrust gave way to humanity.' (1x2) 2
- 3.5 What did the soldiers from both sides do, as a show of Christmas spirit? (1x1) 1
- 3.6 Discuss how this event is an example of the irrationality (doesn't make sense) of warfare (1x2) 2

Question 4: Refer to Source C and your own knowledge to answer the questions that follow:

Source C

How the first day of the Battle of the Somme was reported:



<https://theconversation.com/our-casualties-not-heavy-how-british-press-covered-the-battle-of-the-somme-61863>

- 4.1 Explain the term 'propaganda'. (2x1) 2
- 4.2 How would this piece of propaganda make a British citizen feel about the battle? (1x1) 1
- 4.3 Is this official statement about the Battle of the Somme accurate? Explain. (1x2) 2
- 4.4 Why were groups within the British army referred to as 'Pal's Battalions'? (1x2) 2

Subtotal: 25 marks

SECTION C: Extended writing:

Using your own knowledge, write a paragraph on the life of a soldier fighting in World War 1.

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Subtotal: 8 marks

TOTAL MARKS: 50