



# Mock Test

## Medicine in Britain and the Western Front

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Class: \_\_\_\_\_



**1a. Describe one feature of the evacuation route which helped injured soldiers to be treated quickly. (2 marks)**

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**1b. Describe one feature of a medical improvement in the early 20th century.  
(2 marks)**

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## **Source A**

**An extract from a letter, sent by a soldier on the British Western Front in 1915.**

**Dear Bert,**

**To tell you the truth, while writing this letter I am wet through to the skin and not a dry thing for a change. We have got our winter fur coats and gum boots, but the latter cause more curses than you can imagine, for instance last night I was sent off to select dugouts for our platoon, which is number 37. It was pitch dark, no light allowed and in a strange place, well honestly I fell over at least 20 times got smothered in mud from head to feet and on the top of that wet through for it rained in torrents.**

**While in the trenches last week John and I were up to our knees in water and got our gum boots half full. The line is a bit quiet lately and only now and again do we get a shelling, but one gets used to it. That, to give you an idea, is like sitting at Paddington and hearing the engines screech.**

**[<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/letters-first-world-war-1915/trenches-knees-water/>]**

## **Source B**

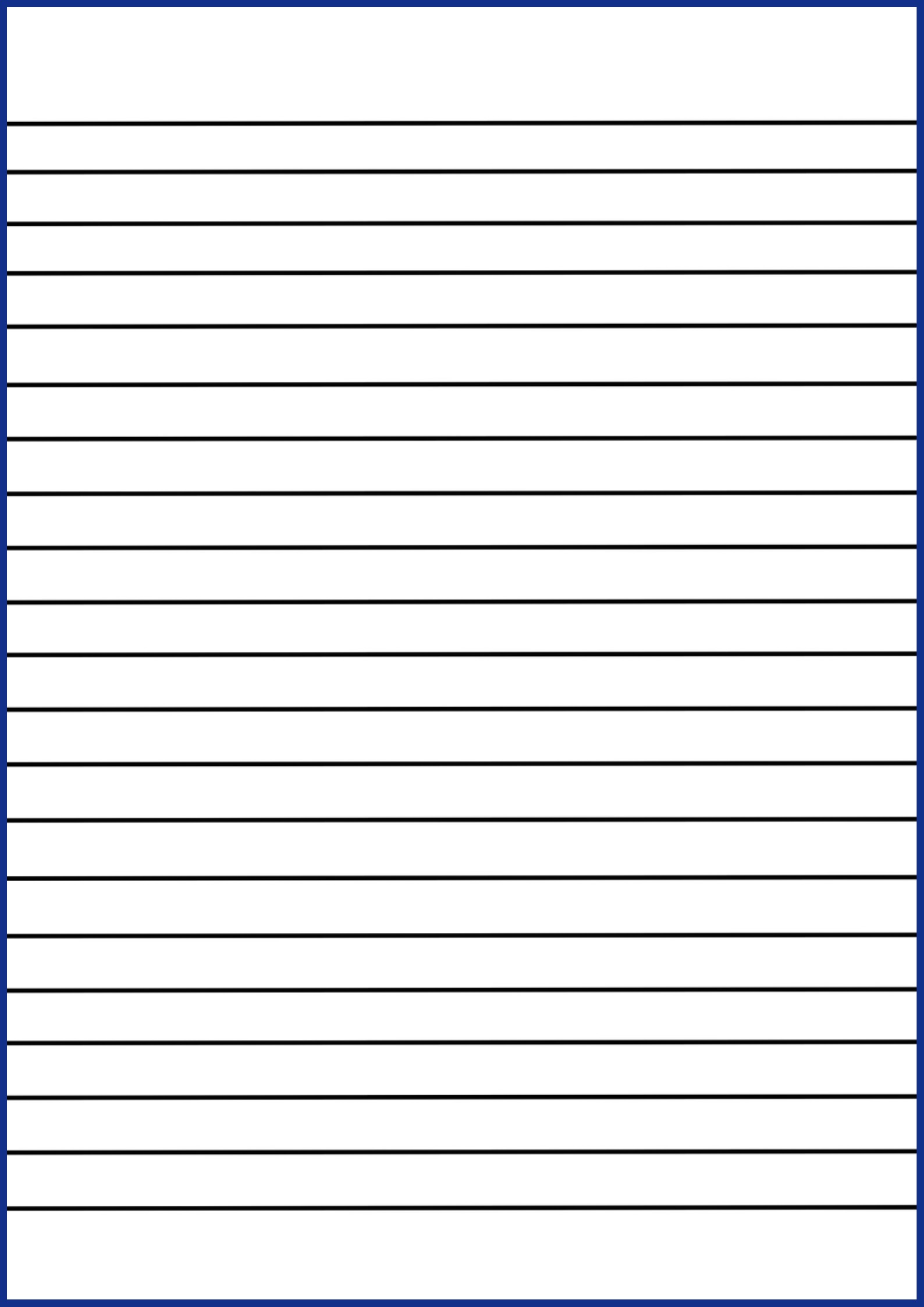
**A photograph of British soldiers standing in deep water in the trenches. The photographer is not known.**



**[<https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/wwi/trenches>]**

## How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into conditions for soldiers in trenches on the Western Front?

**Explain your answer, using Sources A and B and your knowledge of the historical context. (8 marks)**



## **2b. Study Source A.**

**How could you follow up Source A to find out more about medical conditions on the Western Front?**

**In your answer, you must give the question you would ask and the type of source you could use.**

**Complete the following questions.  
(4 marks)**

**Detail in Source A that I would follow up:**

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**Question I would ask:**

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**What type of source I could use:**

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**How this might help answer my question:**

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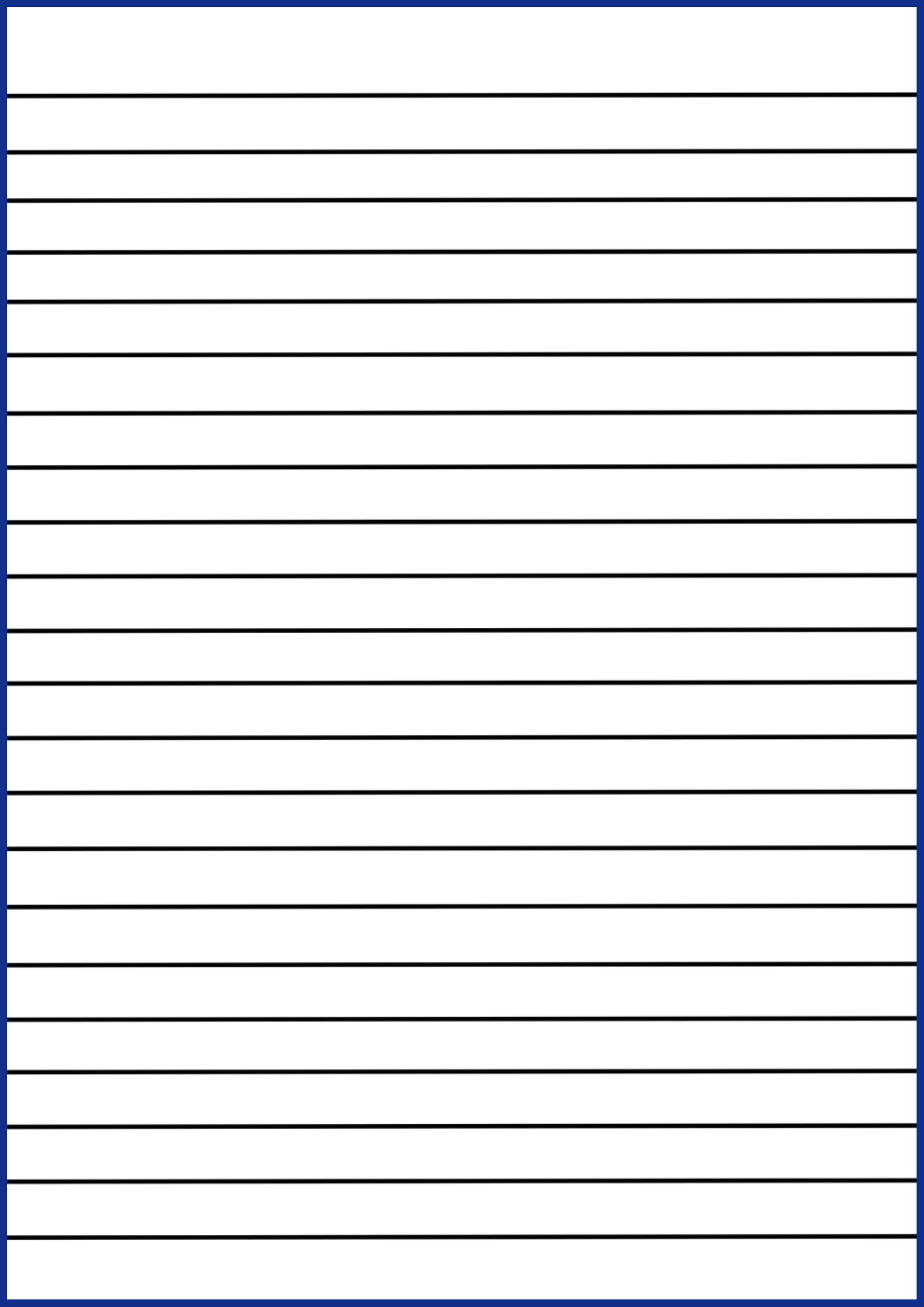
**3. Explain one way in which treatment of plague was similar in medieval Britain to the early modern period.**  
**(4 marks)**

**4. Explain why approaches to treatment changed in the period c1700-c1900.**

**You may use the following in your answer:**

- Florence Nightingale
- James Simpson

**You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)**



**5/6. 'The work of Vesalius was the most significant factor in the progression of medical knowledge in the years c1500-c1700.'**

**How far do you agree? Explain your answer.**

**You may use the following in your answer:**

- Vesalius' book, The Fabric of the Human Body
- The invention of the printing press

**You must also use information of your own. (16 marks + 4 marks for SPaG)**

