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Paper 2 Section B/D: Restoration England, 1660–1685

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INTERPRETATION A for use in answering Question 01

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INTERPRETATION A

An interpretation of the Great Plague

Adapted from ‘The Time Traveller’s Guide to Restoration Britain’ by Ian Mortimer, 2017.

Plague was the most feared disease. People did not know its cause. The deaths from the Great Plague were under-recorded because the ‘searchers’ could be bribed. Magistrates tried to control the disease by bringing in a number of measures. If you visited London in the late summer of 1665, your memory of the experience would probably never leave you. There were bodies in the street, boarded-up houses, and a mournful silence. Nowhere was safe. More people died in London than in the rest of England.

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