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Paper 2 Section A/A:

Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day

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SOURCE A for use in answering Question 01

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A cartoon drawn in 1852 entitled, 'A Court for King Cholera'.

The cartoon was published in Punch magazine in 1852. Punch was a popular magazine which often used humour to comment on life in Britain. The cartoon was drawn by a well-known artist, John Leech, who began working for Punch in 1841.

An image, on the opposite page, shows a busy street filled with people. There are run-down buildings in the background with two signs on the wall that read, 'LODGINGS FOR TRAVELLERS' and 'GOOD BEDS'. There are many adults and children leaning out of the windows. A line of washing is coming out of one of the windows.

There are lots of people standing around on the street in front of the buildings. A child's coffin is being carried on the head of an adult. Children are sitting and lying on the floor. Some of them are picking up items from the street, including a dead rat. A woman is bent over a pile of rubbish. She is holding and looking at one of the items of rubbish. A body is doing a handstand on top of the pile beside her.



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