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HISTORY

Paper 2 Section A/B:

**Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to
the present day**

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**SOURCE A for use in answering
Question 01**

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SOURCE A

A painting published by Richard Carlile. It shows a meeting in Manchester in 1819 which became known as 'Peterloo'.

Thousands of people had gathered there to listen to speeches from radical reformers about the vote. Carlile was due to speak at this meeting and published the first full eyewitness account of what happened. He campaigned for the freedom of the press and was jailed for publishing radical books later in 1819.

An image, on page 5, shows a representation of Peterloo.

There are seven people standing on a platform in the middle of the image. Four of them are holding flags and looking out at the crowd around them.

There is a large crowd of people standing around the speakers. Many of them are moving away from uniformed men on horseback who are holding swords in the air. Some of the people in the crowd are lying on the ground and covering their heads. Others have ripped clothes and appear injured.

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