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16+ Entry Examination

SAMPLE PAPER

History

45 Minutes

Instructions to Candidates:

- Answer question 1 and question 2.
- You are advised to spend 15 minutes on question 1 and 30 minutes on question 2.
- Please write your answers on lined paper and ensure to write your full name at the top of each new sheet.
- The number of marks available is shown in brackets [] at the end of each question.

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“Disraeli once spoke of statistics as a form of lying, but there is no denying that as statistical analysis has grown in importance, especially with the development of ever-more sophisticated information technology, no historian can ignore its importance to historical study. Statistics can give the impression of precision and accuracy, but major pitfalls await the unwary student who approaches them in a spirit of blind faith. Statistics may or may not be lies, but they are open to bias, distortion, unsupported inferences or plain error.”

John Tosh *The Pursuit of History*

Question 1

Consider the document. Explain the importance and the dangers facing historians when using statistics.

[10 marks]

Question 2

'Historical change is mostly driven by economic forces.' Assess the validity of this view.

[20 marks]