

History Assessment: Florence Nightingale and the Scutari Hospital

Learning objective: To evaluate the significance of Florence Nightingale's work in the Crimean War and her influence on modern nursing practices.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure you use specific terminology where appropriate.

Florence Nightingale arrived at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari in 1854. Upon her arrival, she discovered that the conditions were dire: soldiers were suffering not just from battle wounds, but from infections caused by poor sanitation, lack of clean water, and overcrowding. Nightingale applied her mathematical skills to record data, proving that improved hygiene significantly reduced the number of deaths. Her legacy transformed nursing from an unskilled job into a respected, evidence-based profession.

Word bank: Scutari · Crimean War · Sanitation · Hygiene · Statistician · The Lady with the Lamp · Nightingale Training School · Mortality rate

1. Identify two specific challenges Florence Nightingale faced when she arrived at the hospital in Scutari. (2 marks)

2. Explain why Florence Nightingale was often referred to as 'The Lady with the Lamp'. (2 marks)

3. How did Florence Nightingale use her skills as a mathematician to improve the conditions for the soldiers? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the state of nursing before Nightingale's reforms with the standards introduced after she established her training school. (4 marks)

5. Justify why historians consider Florence Nightingale to be a pioneer of modern public health. Use evidence from your studies to support your answer. (4 marks)

6. Max the monkey is calculating the cost of medical supplies. If one bandage costs £0.45 and a bottle of antiseptic costs £2.50, how much would it cost to provide 10 bandages and 2 bottles of antiseptic for a ward? Show your working. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: 'Florence Nightingale's influence was felt more through her data and writing than her presence at the hospital.' Discuss this statement. To what extent do you agree? Provide a balanced argument. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram showing two ways Florence Nightingale improved the hospital environment at Scutari. Label each part of your drawing clearly.



Extension challenge: What might have happened to the survival rate of soldiers if Nightingale had not insisted on the cleaning of the hospital sewers and ventilation? Write a short reflection on the importance of evidence-based decision-making in history. Total: /25