

Grade 9 Answer

Explain Difference/Similarity

4
Marks

Question:

Explain one way in which ideas about the prevention of illness in the period c1500-c1700 were different to ideas about the prevention of illness in the period c1700-c1900. (4 marks)

Answer:

One way in which ideas about the prevention of illness in the period c1500-c1700 were different to ideas about the prevention of illness in the period c1700-c1900 was the discovery of Germ Theory. In the earlier period, miasma was still a popular belief, which stated illness was caused by bad smells, which led to many incorrect beliefs about the cause of illness. However, Louis Pasteur published his Germ Theory in 1861, which argued that bacteria was the cause of disease, not bad smells in the air, which improved beliefs about illness. Although this theory was not immediately accepted, it went on to be widely accepted.

Feedback:

This answer would get 4/4 marks because the pupil has identified a difference in the periods (shift from belief in miasma to Germ Theory), and explained how this changed between the periods, using historical evidence to back up the explanation.