

Grade 9 Answer

Explain Difference/Similarity

8
Marks

Question:

Explain two ways in which public health in the 19th century and public health in the 20th century were similar. (8 marks)

Answer:

Firstly, one way in which public health in the 19th century and 20th century was similar was the increase in government intervention., as before these periods the government held a laissez-faire attitude. In the 19th century, the government passed two Public Health Acts in 1848 and 1875 to improve sanitation. These helped improve sewerage systems and clean water provisions. Similarly, in the 20th century, the government continued to increase their intervention in public health, making many liberal reforms. For example, the government's creation of the NHS in 1948 which offered free healthcare at the point of delivery, giving all British citizens access to medical care.

A second way in which public health in the 19th century and 20th century was similar was the creation of influential reports on public health. In 1842, Edwin Chadwick compiled a report on living conditions of the poor, and argued that there should be organised drainage and refuse collection. This highlighted the need for improved public health for the poor, and influenced the government in passing the Public Health Acts. Similarly, in 1942 Beveridge conducted a report that recommended for government action for the poor. This demonstrated that poor people did not have access to healthcare because they could not afford it. This was extremely influential in the government's creation of the NHS, and had a huge impact on public health.

Feedback:

This answer would get 8/8 marks because the pupil has identified two similarities in the periods (government intervention and influential reports). Both similarities were explained using detailed knowledge and understanding.

