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# Preface

This book has been written specifically for pupils taking examinations in GCSE Social and Economic History. It provides candidates with a complete course guide to the examination, together with tips on how to answer questions and how to carry out a thorough revision programme.

*Work Out Social and Economic History* is based on an analysis of all the syllabuses and papers set by the GCSE examination boards. The aims and objectives of examiners have changed radically over the past few years. Candidates are expected to 'know, understand and do' more than simply regurgitate facts learned during the course. They are expected to have acquired knowledge relating to historical understanding, concepts, empathy and skills. This has made GCSE examinations much more demanding for pupils and their teachers, but it has also made the process of learning History much more interesting.

The book has been structured to meet the demands of all the GCSE Social and Economic History syllabuses. Each chapter contains a fact file, a guide to questions, model answers and a 'test yourself' section, and is linked to a specific GCSE assessment objective. The specimen questions are similar to those set on GCSE papers. These questions and their answers are my sole responsibility.

If any candidate would like further advice or clarification of any issues raised by the book, I can be contacted via the publishers.

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