



Write down your answers to these questions in the back of your book...

### Question A:



## Question B:

You see the following notice clearly displayed

*"To ward off plague, citizens are now forbidden to bathe, they should take little exercise and there should be no eating of poultry, pig or fat meat"*

**Why** did they do that?

**1** Plague is spread by eating the meat of these forbidden animals.

**2** Washing was dangerous since it was believed to weaken people's hearts.

**3** Exercise or movement was thought to attract the evil spirits of the plague.

## Question C:

You see a man holding a freshly plucked chicken under his arm

**Why** did he do that?

**1** The warmth from the chicken gives some relief from the pain.

**2** He believes that the evil spirit causing the plague will transfer to the chicken.

**3** The chicken draws the puss from the swellings (buboes) on his arms.



### Question D:



The church bells are ringing loudly,  
canons are being fired and people are  
making a massive amount of noise

**Why** would they do that?

- 1** To frighten away the demons that caused the plague.
- 2** To draw God's attention to their town so they may be saved.
- 3** To clean the air. They believed that loud noises would purify the air.

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### Question E:



People are chasing and killing all the  
dogs and cats in the town

**Why** are they doing that?

- 1** They believe the dogs and cats are spreading the disease.
- 2** Famine was a common companion of plague and people were desperately hungry.
- 3** The blood from cats and dogs was often used to make "potions" to ward off the plague.

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