



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1B/A: Conflict and tension, the First World War, 1894–1918

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Source A for use in answering Questions 01

Sources B and C for use in answering Question 02

Source A

From the diary of Admiral von Muller, head of the Kaiser's naval cabinet, December 1912.

General von Moltke said: I believe war is unavoidable; war the sooner the better. But we ought to do more through the press to prepare the population for a war against Russia ... the enemies are arming more strongly than we are.

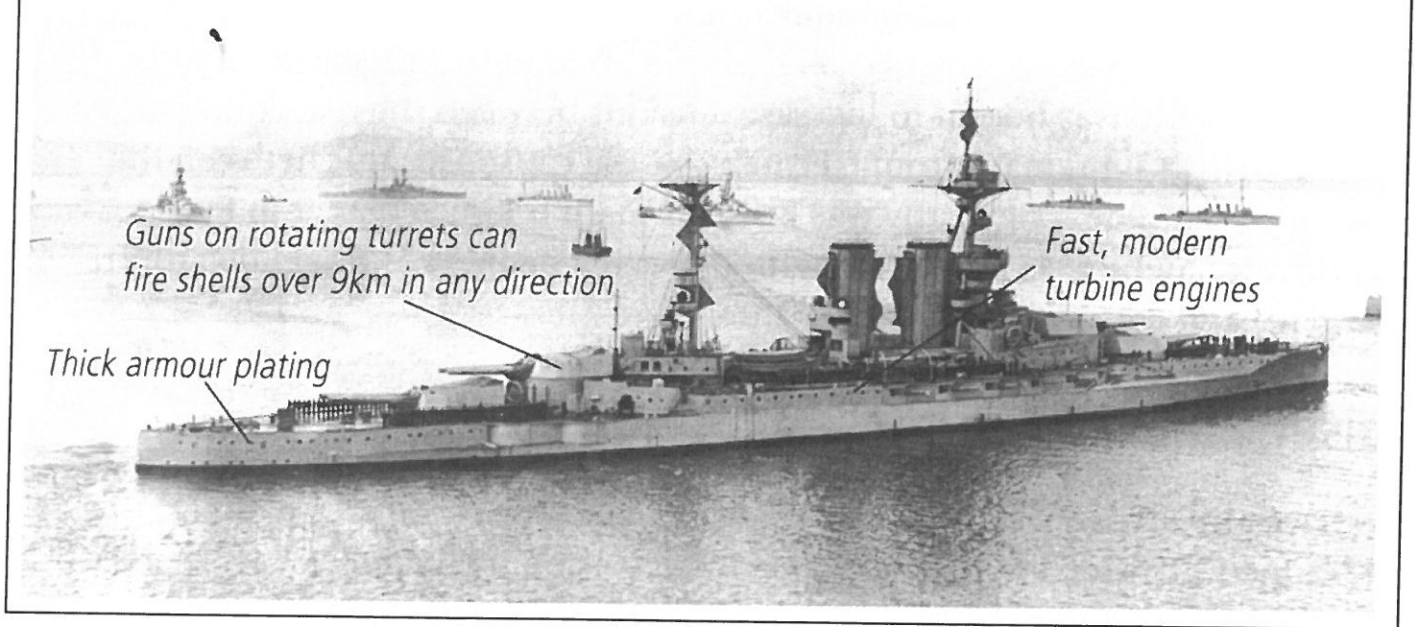
Source B

Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary,
in a speech to Parliament in 1909.

There is no comparison between the importance of the German navy to Germany, and the importance of our navy to us. Our navy is to us what their army is to them. To have a strong navy would increase Germany's prestige and influence, but it is not a matter of life and death to them as it is to us.

Source C

HMS *Barham*, a British 'Dreadnought', with the British fleet in Scapa Flow.



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