

Paper 2 mini mock: disease

Source A: An article from *The Morning Chronicle* from 1849 titled 'Cholera District'

We then journeyed on to London-street, down which the tidal ditch continues its course. In No. 1 of this street the cholera first appeared seventeen years ago, and spread up it with fearful virulence; but this year it appeared at the opposite end, and ran down it with like severity. As we passed along the reeking banks of the sewer the sun shone upon a narrow slip of the water. In the bright light it appeared the colour of strong green tea, and positively looked as solid as black marble in the shadow - indeed it was more like watery mud than muddy water; and yet we were assured this was the only water the wretched inhabitants had to drink. As we gazed in horror at it, we saw drains and sewers emptying their filthy contents into it; we saw a whole tier of doorless privies in the open road, common to men and women, built over it; we heard bucket after bucket of filth splash into it, and the limbs of the vagrant boys bathing in it seemed, by pure force of contrast, white as Parian marble. And yet, as we stood doubting the fearful statement, we saw a little child, from one of the galleries opposite, lower a tin can with a rope to fill a large bucket that stood beside her. In each of the balconies that hung over the stream the self-same tub was to be seen in which the inhabitants put the mucky liquid to stand, so that they may, after it has rested for a day or two, skim the fluid from the solid particles of filth, pollution, and disease. As the little thing dangled her tin cup as gently as possible into the stream, a bucket of night-soil was poured down from the next gallery.

In this wretched place we were taken to a house where an infant lay dead of the cholera. We asked if they really did drink the water? The answer was, "They were obliged to drink the ditch, without they could beg a pailfull or thieve a pailfull of water. But have you spoken to your landlord about having it laid on for you?" "Yes, sir; and he says he'll do it, and do it, but we know him better than to believe him." "Why, sir," cried another woman, who had shot out from an adjoining room, "he won't even give us a little whitewash, though we tell him we'll willingly do the work ourselves: and look here, sir," she added, "all the tiles have fallen off, and the rain pours in wholesale."

Source B: Nashon Tado reports on Cholera for the Norwegian Refugee Council in 2018.

Violence has forced thousands of Congolese to seek safety in neighbouring Uganda, with overcrowded refugee camps there putting pressure on hygiene and sanitation facilities, increasing the risk of deadly cholera outbreaks. Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) has forced nearly 44,000 people to cross Uganda's south-west border out of the country so far this year. This has put pressure on sanitation facilities in refugee settlements, and has led to deadly cholera outbreaks.

With hundreds of people arriving in Uganda every day, aid organisations are striving to prevent the disease from spreading across the settlements. Our teams work around the clock building hygiene and sanitation facilities to help alleviate and prevent the suffering of these displaced people.

Désiré is among the thousands who has been forced to adapt to a new life in Maratatu settlement in south-west Uganda. "There are people everywhere in the settlement. It's a big risk in terms of the spreading of cholera. Something should be done to ease the congestion," he says.

Those who have made it to Uganda now face this new life-threatening situation. Désiré worries about the conditions he and his fellow arrivals face in the packed settlement as a threat to public health: "With so many people crowded in one location, the risk of spreading of contagious diseases such as cholera is very high, and many people can be severely affected within a short time." Meanwhile, hygiene and sanitation facilities in Kagoma transit centre, where newly arrived refugees are registered, also struggle to bear the brunt of overcrowding.

Q1 – 4 marks – 5 minutes Using source B shade the boxes of the four true statements.		Q2 – 8 marks – 10 minutes What can you infer about the differences between the people described in each source.
The refugees are seeking safety from Uganda.		
44,000 refugees have crossed the border this year.		
The refugees have brought cholera with them.		Q3 – 12 marks – 15 minutes In source A how does the writer use language to describe his surroundings?
The refugee camps are becoming overcrowded.		
Désiré believes the refugee camps should be helped.		Q4- 16 marks – 20 minutes Compare how the writers convey their attitudes to disease and sanitation in each source.
The cholera outbreaks can kill people in the camp.		
The volunteers are doing nothing to improve hygiene.		
They have left their home country to seek new jobs.		