

## **History of the NHS**

Watch the documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ywP8wjfOx4> (The NHS: A Difficult Beginning) and answer the questions below.

You should write the questions and answers in your purple exercise books/ on lined paper.

1. Who was the Minister of Health who created the NHS and when was it created?
2. What was healthcare like before the NHS?
3. Who funded healthcare before the NHS – do you think this was a good idea?
4. What inspired the creator to come up with the idea of the NHS?
5. Why did miners have so many health problems?
6. What does it mean to be a socialist, politically? (You may need to Google this)
7. What does capitalism mean? (You may need to Google this)
8. Why were medical professionals against the creation of the NHS and what does BMA stand for?
9. Who was Charles Hill and did he agree or disagree with the NHS?
10. Why was Nye Bevan seen as 'Satan's Architect'? Do you think this was just propaganda?

### **Timings 1:05:00 – end of documentary**

11. When was the NHS finally created and who was the first NHS doctor?
12. Why do you think the public were so grateful of the NHS?
13. Why were there so many unrecognised diseases when the NHS was opened up to the public?
14. Why do you think dental and optical healthcare is not free under the NHS?
15. What was the impact of the NHS? (Life expectancy, infant mortality, death from infectious diseases etc.)

Finally:

**The NHS has been a huge success and there isn't a better model of healthcare to support members of a society.**

To what extent do you agree with this statement. You need to include a balance of ideas (positives and negatives) in your paragraph. You can also include any research you've done on coronavirus in your answer.

