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Paper 2 Section B/B: Medieval England: the reign of Edward I, 1272–1307

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Interpretation A for use in answering Question 01



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Interpretation A An interpretation of warfare during Edward I's reign.

Adapted from 'Plantagenet England, 1225–1360' by Michael Prestwich, 2005.

The Anglo-Scottish conflict tested Edward's army in a way that his other wars had not done. The Scottish knew to choose the right terrain to fight on, such as Stirling Bridge. They avoided large-scale battles.

However, at Falkirk in 1298 the English had to overcome the Scottish formations known as schiltrons, when the English archers proved their importance. Edward's sieges were a key part of the Scottish wars, such as at Stirling castle. The English relied heavily on the use of equipment; such as trebuchets, catapults, and movable siege towers.

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