

Task one:

The National Insurance Act (1946)

- Insurance was made compulsory for the entire adult population.
- A wide range of benefits now became available for unemployment, sickness, maternity, widowhood and retirement.

Creating the Welfare State

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Education Act (1947)

- All children were to get a secondary education automatically after primary school at the age of 11.
- The leaving age was to be raised to 15.
- Local authorities were to provide secondary education free of charge, and usually did so in the form of grammar, technical or secondary modern schools.
- This became law with the Education Act of 1947.

The National Health Service (1948)

- Before this, patients had to pay the doctor to come and see them.
- Medicines and operations had to be paid for in full.
- For most people, illness could mean suffering, even death, because they could not afford the treatment.
- The Health Service, financed partly by taxes, partly by National Insurance contributions, was to provide free treatment for all.
- The Health Service soon proved itself very popular. The £2 million, for instance, set aside to meet requirements for opticians' services and free spectacles over the first nine months, was spent within six weeks.
- The cost of the Health Service, estimated at £140 million a year, reached £358 million in 1950.

Task 2:

1. On what date was the NHS officially launched?

The NHS was launched on 5th July 1948

2. What was TB and how many people died from it each year?

TB stands for Tuberculosis, a highly contagious disease responsible for 100,000 deaths a year.

3. Give the name of the new Labour Prime Minister

The new labour Prime Minister was called Clement Atlee.

4. Why were doctors unhappy about the creation of the NHS?

They were afraid it would affect their earning power.

5. How did the NHS reassure them? Include Bevin's quote in your answer.

They allowed doctors to work for NHS but also keep their private patients. Bevan said the would 'choke their mouths with gold'.

6. How many sets of false teeth were made in the first year of the NHS?

33million sets of false teeth were made in the first 9 months.