

Conscription: the Second World War

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

➤ **Definition:** The word "conscription" means...

- ☐ volunteer enlistment in the armed forces
 ☐ compulsory enlistment in a national service
 ☐ optional military service

Part 1: Limited conscription of men

➤ Read part 1 and tick the right answers

In 1939, the Prime Minister of Britain was...

- ☐ Neville Chamberlain
 ☐ Winston Churchill
 ☐ Rishi Sunak

In May 1939, ...

- ☐ The International situation was worrying.
 ☐ Britain had been attacked by Nazi Germany.
 ☐ Britain had declared war to Nazi Germany.
 ☐ Britain was preparing for war with Germany.

➤ Drag the right elements and complete:

In 20 to 22, the British Parliament approved the Military Training Act. It led to the enrollment of 240,000 men aged May, 1939. Only single men were enrolled, not married ones.

➤ Link the corresponding element:

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| 6 months | • | entreprendre |
| required | • | s'inscrire |
| register | • | exiger |
| undertake | • | Military training |

Part 2: Full conscription of men

➤ Drag the elements into the right box.

non-combattant jobs	doctors	be medically unfit	3 September 1939	Farmers
1st National Service Act	tribunal	bakers	engineers	refuse to fight
all men aged 18 to 41				

Britain declares war on Germany	
Motives of exemption:	
Conscientious objectors	

Part 3: Conscription of women

> Link

- National service

Military service

2nd National Service Act
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- December 1941

combattant job

non-combattant jobs

> More people were required to register. Classify them in the chart:

aged 20 to 30

unmarried

aged 51 to 60

childless widows

under 51 years old

WOMEN	
MEN: military service	
MEN: national service service	

CONCLUSION

> Drag the information in the timeline.

