



GCE

History A

Y101/01: Alfred and the making of England 871-1016

A Level

Mark Scheme for June 2022

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PREPARATION FOR MARKING SCORIS

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *scoris assessor Online Training*; *OCR Essential Guide to Marking*.
2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal <http://www.rm.com/support/ca>
3. Log-in to scoris and mark the **required number** of practice responses (“scripts”) and the **number of required** standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 5 PRACTICE AND 6 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

MARKING

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the scoris 50% and 100% (traditional 40% Batch 1 and 100% Batch 2) deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone or the scoris messaging system, or by email.

5. Crossed Out Responses

Where a candidate has crossed out a response and provided a clear alternative then the crossed out response is not marked. Where no alternative response has been provided, examiners may give candidates the benefit of the doubt and mark the crossed out response where legible.

Rubric Error Responses – Optional Questions

Where candidates have a choice of question across a whole paper or a whole section and have provided more answers than required, then all responses are marked and the highest mark allowable within the rubric is given. Enter a mark for each question answered into RM assessor, which will select the highest mark from those awarded. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate has penalised themselves by attempting more questions than necessary in the time allowed.)*

Multiple Choice Question Responses

When a multiple choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides two responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be awarded (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).

When a question requires candidates to select more than one option/multiple options, then local marking arrangements need to ensure consistency of approach.

Contradictory Responses

When a candidate provides contradictory responses, then no mark should be awarded, even if one of the answers is correct.

Short Answer Questions (requiring only a list by way of a response, usually worth only **one mark per response**)

Where candidates are required to provide a set number of short answer responses then only the set number of responses should be marked. The response space should be marked from left to right on each line and then line by line until the required number of responses have been considered. The remaining responses should not then be marked. Examiners will have to apply judgement as to whether a 'second response' on a line is a development of the 'first response', rather than a separate, discrete response. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate is attempting to hedge their bets and therefore getting undue benefit rather than engaging with the question and giving the most relevant/correct responses.)*

Short Answer Questions (requiring a more developed response, worth **two or more marks**)

If the candidates are required to provide a description of, say, three items or factors and four items or factors are provided, then mark on a similar basis – that is downwards (as it is unlikely in this situation that a candidate will provide more than one response in each section of the response space.)

Longer Answer Questions (requiring a developed response)

Where candidates have provided two (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.
7. Award No Response (NR) if:
 - there is nothing written in the answer space

Award Zero '0' if:

- anything is written in the answer space and is not worthy of credit (this includes text and symbols).

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Team Leaders must confirm the correct use of the NR button with their markers before live marking commences and should check this when reviewing scripts.

8. The scoris **comments box** is used by your team leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.**
If you have any questions or comments for your team leader, use the phone, the scoris messaging system, or e-mail.
9. *Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to their Team Leader (Supervisor) via email by the end of the marking period. The report should contain notes on particular strengths displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.*
10. For answers marked by levels of response: Not applicable in F501
 - a. **To determine the level** – start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer
 - b. **To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:


Descriptor	Award mark
On the borderline of this level and the one below	At bottom of level
Just enough achievement on balance for this level	Above bottom and either below middle or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
Meets the criteria but with some slight inconsistency	Above middle and either below top of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
Consistently meets the criteria for this level	At top of level

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11. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning of annotation
BP	Blank Page
	Highlight
Off-page comment	
A	Assertion
AN	Analysis
EVAL	Evaluation
EXP	Explanation
F	Factor
ILL	Illustrates/Describes
IRRL	Irrelevant, a significant amount of material that does not answer the question
J	Judgement
KU	Knowledge and understanding
P	Provenance
SC	Simple comment
	Unclear
V	View

12. Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	<p>Using these four sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that King Alfred faced serious problems in the governance of England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In discussing how Source A supports the view, candidates might refer to the difficulties of reaching a judgement if the judges could not agree and to the evidence that judgements were not always accepted by the parties involved, thus showing problems were serious. • In discussing the provenance of Source A, answers might comment that Asser was usually positive about Alfred, so if he writes about problems, his evidence is serious. • In discussing the historical context of Source A, answers might refer to the difficulties with legal evidence in this period, when most cases were about issues of possession. • In discussing how Source B partly supports the view, candidates might refer to the fact that advising judges not to accept bribes, suggests this was a common practice and a serious problem, but that encouraging judges to judge as they would wish to be judged suggests that problems could be overcome. • In discussing the provenance of Source B, answers might comment that Alfred issued his Law Code to help to settle problems in administration. • In discussing the historical context of Source B, answers might argue that in Anglo-Saxon society force was often predominant and Alfred was trying to provide other ways of settling disputes and so solve problems in the administration of justice. 	<p>30</p> <p>20</p>	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. <u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No set answer is expected. • At Level 5 there will be judgement about the issue in the question. • To be valid judgements they must be supported by accurate and relevant material. • At Level 4 and below, answers may be simply a list of which sources support or challenge the view in the question. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the sources, in line with the descriptions in the levels mark scheme.

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2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In discussing how Source C partly supports the view, candidates might refer to the advice Alfred gave to judges shows that there were serious problems, but that the ealdormen were ready to work to solve these, so indicating the problems were less serious. • In discussing the provenance of Source C, answers might suggest that Florence of Worcester as a monk saw the administration of justice as a key element in good kingship. • In discussing the historical context of Source C, answers might argue that Alfred's ealdormen valued their role as judges, though this may have been more for personal gain than for the pursuit of justice. • In discussing how Source D does support the view, candidates might refer to the clear need for bishops and ministers to be reprovved by the king, which indicates serious problems if the ministers were defying the king. • In discussing the provenance of Source D, answers might suggest that Simeon, as a monk, was unlikely to have been impressed by the failings of the bishops in spiritual matters and by the ineffectiveness of the king's ministers. • In discussing the historical context of Source D, answers might argue that King Alfred could not supervise the administration all the time, given the pressing problems with Danish invasions, and so he really needed to be able to rely on his ministers to run the government effectively. 	20	The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.

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3*	<p>How seriously was the power of Edward the Elder challenged by his enemies?</p> <p>In arguing that Edward's power was challenged,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might consider that the existence of the Danelaw meant Edward's control of England was limited. • Answers might argue that the challenge from Edward's cousin, Aethelwold was serious as he allied with the Danes. • Answers might consider that Raegnald was a dangerous threat and he stormed York in 919. • Answers might consider that Sihtric allied with Raegnald and increased the challenge in Central England. • Answers might argue that there is debate about the extent to which Edward had overlordship over Wales and Scotland. <p>In arguing that Edward's power was reasonably secure,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might consider the help given to Edward by his sister Aethelflaed in defeating the Danes and his construction of further burhs. • Answers might consider that both Wales and Scotland were recorded as acknowledging Edward as their lord. • Answers might consider Edward undertook raiding parties to deal with the Viking challenge. • Answers might consider that Raegnald died in 921 which diminished the threat from the Norwegians. • Answers might consider the effectiveness of the defensive measures in place, such as the fyrd and burhs. 	20	<p><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No set answer is expected. • At higher levels, candidates will focus on weighing up how far Edward's power was challenged; but at Level 4, may simply list the challenges. • At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the extent of the challenges. • At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge 'seriously'. • To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation. It should only be credited where it is used as the basis for analysis and evaluation, in line with the descriptions in the levels mark scheme. <p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. Both features that support the</p>

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	<p>'The cultural revival under Aethelred was the main achievement of his reign.' How far do you agree?</p> <p>In arguing that the cultural revival was a key achievement,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might consider the role of monastic reformers. • Answers might consider the work of Wulfstan, who had a central role in Church and state and was intent on improving the moral standards of the day, and also wrote in a unique prose style. • Answers might argue that the work of Aelfric was widely read and so influenced the society of his day and the development of a much clearer style in prose writing. • Answers might argue that Aethelweard's translation of the A-S Chronicle into Latin, which included his own views, added to the knowledge of the past. <p>In arguing that there were other achievements,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might consider that, in the course of a long reign, Aethelred introduced a range of new laws which were a model for later rulers. • Answers might consider that the laws envisaged the use of a rudimentary jury system, which was a forerunner of later reforms. • Answers might suggest that Aethelred's coinage was standardised and only he could issue coins, which had a sound economic impact. • Answers might suggest that the administration under Aethelred was able to raise large amounts of money, although it could be said this simply led to the Danes demanding more. 		<p>hypothesis and features that challenge the hypothesis are detailed.</p> <p><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No set answer is expected. • At higher levels, candidates will focus on discussion about the impact of Aethelred's achievements: but at level 4, may simply list them. • At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to how which achievements were the most significant. • At higher Levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the value of the achievements. • To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used as the basis for analysis and evaluation, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.

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APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>A02: Analyse and evaluate appropriate source materials, primary and/or contemporary to the period, within its historical context.</i>
	Generic mark scheme for Section A, Question 1: How far do the four sources support the view? [30]
Level 6 26–30 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question throughout. The sources are fully evaluated, using both provenance and detailed and accurate knowledge of their historical context in a balanced way, in order to engage with the sources and reach a convincing, fully supported analysis of them in relation to the issue in the question.
Level 5 21–25 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question. The sources are evaluated, using both provenance and relevant knowledge of their historical context, in order to engage with the sources and reach a supported analysis of them in relation to the issue in the question. There may be some imbalance in the analysis between use of provenance and use of knowledge.
Level 4 16–20 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. The sources are evaluated, using both provenance and generally relevant knowledge of their historical context, in order to engage with the sources and produce an analysis of them in relation to the question. The use of provenance may not be developed.
Level 3 11–15 marks	The answer is partially focused on the question. There is partial evaluation of the sources, with use of some knowledge of their historical context, in order to engage with the sources and produce a partial analysis of them in relation to the question.
Level 2 6–10 marks	The answer has only limited focus on the question. Evaluation of the sources is very general. There is limited use of generalised knowledge of historical context to engage with the sources and produce a basic analysis of them in relation to the question.
Level 1 1–5 marks	This answer is on the wider topic area, but not on the detail of the question. The sources are evaluated in a very basic way, primarily being used as a source of information with understanding of them being only partial. A very generalised knowledge of historical context is used in a very limited way to engage with the sources and to attempt a very simple analysis of them in relation to the question.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding or reference to the sources.

	<i>AO1: Demonstrate, organise and communicate knowledge and understanding to analyse and evaluate the key features related to the periods studied, making substantiated judgements and exploring concepts, as relevant, of cause, consequence, change, continuity, similarity, difference and significance.</i>
	Generic mark scheme for Section B, Questions 2 and 3: Essay [20]
Level 6 17–20 marks	There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. Accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated throughout the answer and is consistently evaluated and analysed in order to reach substantiated, developed and sustained judgements. There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.
Level 5 13–16 marks	There is a mostly consistent focus on the question. Generally accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated through most of the answer and is evaluated and analysed in order to reach substantiated judgements, but these are not consistently well-developed. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and in the most part substantiated.
Level 4 10–12 marks	The question is generally addressed. Generally accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated through most of the answer with evaluation and some analysis, and this is used appropriately to support the judgements that are made. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.
Level 3 7–9 marks	The question is partially addressed. There is demonstration of some relevant knowledge and understanding, which is evaluated and analysed in parts of the answer, but in places knowledge is imparted rather than being used. The analysis is appropriately linked to the judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements may not always be made explicit. The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure. The information is supported by limited evidence.
Level 2 4–6 marks	The focus is more on the topic than the specific demands of the question. Knowledge and understanding is limited and not well used, with only limited evaluation and analysis, which is only sometimes linked appropriately to the judgements made. The information has some relevance, but is communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.
Level 1 1–3 marks	The answer relates to the topic but not the specific question. The answer contains only very limited relevant knowledge which is evaluated and analysed in a very limited way. Judgements are unsupported and are not linked to analysis. Relevant knowledge is limited, generalised and poorly used; attempts at argument are no more than assertion. Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding and no demonstration of any relevant knowledge.

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