



GCE

History A

Y112/01: British period study and enquiry: Britain 1900-1951

A Level

Mark Scheme for June 2023

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**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

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Award Zero '0' if:

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

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 economic and financial concerns were the focus of the debate about national efficiency in the period from 1900 to 1918.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In discussing how far Source A does not support the view, answers might argue that health was the central concern to check the degeneration caused by 'drink', but there was also a wish to limit urbanisation and the 'evils' associated with it. • In discussing the provenance of Source A, answers might argue that the report was the result of an investigation by a committee which comprised various departments (and expertise) of government. • In discussing the historical context of Source A, answers might consider, among other factors, the extent of alcohol abuse; how many who volunteered for the Boer War failed the physical examination and the working and living conditions in the towns. • In discussing how far Source B does support the view, answers might argue that the race of international trade implied industrial power, based on a strong workforce and that 'inefficients' were costly. • In discussing how far Source B does not support the view, answers might argue that 'inefficients' were a threat to social cohesion and that the empire could not be sustained if its people were 'sinking'. 	30	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</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 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.

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In discussing the provenance of Source B, answers might argue that the Commission was divided as this was a Majority Report and might note the disparaging tone of the report in its language about the poor. • In discussing the historical context of Source B, answers might discuss the flaws of the existing Poor Law including its cost to rate payers and its negative effects on the poor. • Answers might discuss the more radical proposals and more sympathetic views of the Minority Report. • In discussing how far Source C does support the view, answers might argue that wages were too low to sustain physical efficiency in industry. And that low wages/inefficiency made industry parasitic and, by implication, less dynamic. • In discussing how far Source C does not support the view, answers might argue that moral and social concerns were the focus of debate. • In discussing the provenance of Source C, answers might argue that the author exaggerated the economic and social problems to strength his case for a legal minimum wage, possibly because he was a Fabian whose sympathies lay with the disadvantaged • In discussing the historical context of Source C, answers might discuss the strikes of 1912 which were mainly caused by a decline in real wages. • Answers might discuss the findings of Rowntree in York, referred to in the source. • In discussing how far Source D does support the view, answers might argue that the efficiency of 		

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	<p>workers would be achieved if they were looked after well and had a sense of community and responsibility, particularly if there was less suspicion between workers and employers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In discussing the provenance of Source D, answers might point out that these were the views of an expert in the effects of low wages and poverty, who had been invited to advise Lloyd George on welfare in industry. • In discussing the historical context of Source D, answers might discuss the importance of maximising the output of munitions factories for the war effort, especially in the light of the fragile nature of industrial relations during the war. • Answers might discuss the successful model of worker welfare established at the Rowntree factory in York. 	20	

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
2*	<p>‘Conservative domestic policies in the period from 1924 to 1929, were the most important reason for their defeat in 1929.’ How far do you agree?</p> <p>In arguing that Conservative domestic policies, 1924-29, was the most important reason,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might discuss the ministry’s response to the General Strike. • Answers might argue that the Trades Disputes Act, 1927, divided opinion. • Answers might discuss the impact of the return to the gold standard. • Answers might discuss the reform of poor relief. • Answers might discuss the establishment of the national grid and the BBC. • Answers might discuss the reaction to the extension of the franchise to women over the age of 21. <p>In arguing that other reasons were equally, or more, important,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might discuss the apparent indolence of Baldwin. • Answers might discuss how cabinet ministers lacked charisma. • Answers might discuss the ‘Safety First’ programme of the Conservatives. • Answers might explain the attraction of the Labour Party. • Answers might discuss how the Liberals ‘split the vote’. 	20	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. Both features that support the 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 consider a range of reasons but at Level 4 may simply list reasons. • At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the relative importance of different reasons. • At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the reasons for the defeat of the Conservative Party. • 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.

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
3*	<p>‘Financial problems were more serious than other difficulties faced by the Labour governments in the period from 1945 to 1951.’ How far do you agree?</p> <p>In arguing that financial problems were serious,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might discuss the debts incurred during the war and US demands to repay them. • Answers might discuss the balance of payments deficit. • Answers might discuss the ‘dollar gap’. • Answers might discuss inflation and devaluation. • Answers might discuss ‘austerity’ policies. • Answers might discuss the importance of the Marshall Plan. <p>In arguing that other problems were serious,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might discuss relations with the trade unions. • Answers might discuss the pressures of the harsh winter, 1946-7. • Answers might discuss the opposition of conservatives to the nationalisation of coal, iron and steel and railways. • Answers might discuss the problems arising from the opposition of doctors to the NHS. • Answers might discuss the demobilisation of servicemen and the problem of employment. • Answers may discuss imperial difficulties especially in India. 		<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. Both features that support the 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 ‘How far?’ but at Level 4, may simply list reasons/factors. • At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the relative importance of financial problems. • At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the seriousness of financial problems. • 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.

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APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>AO2: 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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