



**GCE**

**History A**

**Y111/01: British period study and enquiry: Liberals,  
Conservatives and the rise of Labour 1846-1918**

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

## 12. Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	<p><b>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.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source A does not support the view</b>, 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.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source A</b>, answers might argue that the report was the result of an investigation by a committee which comprised various departments (and expertise) of government.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source A</b>, 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.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source B does support the view</b>, answers might argue that the race of international trade implied industrial power, based on a strong workforce and that 'inefficients' were costly.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source B does not support the view</b>, answers might argue that 'inefficients' were a threat to social cohesion and that the empire could not be sustained if its people were 'sinking'.</li> </ul>	30	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></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"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At Level 5 there will be judgement about the issue in the question.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements they must be supported by accurate and relevant material.</li> <li>• At Level 4 and below, answers may be simply a list of which sources support or challenge the view in the question.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source B,</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.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source B,</b> answers might discuss the flaws of the existing Poor Law including its cost to rate payers and its negative effects on the poor.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss the more radical proposals and more sympathetic views of the Minority Report.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source C does support the view,</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source C does not support the view,</b> answers might argue that moral and social concerns were the focus of debate.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source C,</b> answers might argue that the author may have exaggerated the economic and social problems to strengthen his case for a legal minimum wage, possibly because he was a Fabian whose sympathies lay with the disadvantaged</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source C,</b> answers might discuss the strikes of 1910-1912 including Tonypandy which were mainly caused by a decline in real wages.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss the findings of Rowntree in York, referred to in the source. They may also refer to Booth's evidence from London.</li> </ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source D does support the view</b>, answers might argue that the efficiency of 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.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source D</b>, answers might point out that these were the views of an expert in the effects of low wages and poverty.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source D</b>, 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.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss the successful model of worker welfare established at the Rowntree factory in York.</li> </ul>		

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2*	<p><b>‘The role and influence of Gladstone was the main reason for the emergence of the Liberal Party.’ How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In arguing that Gladstone’s role was important in the emergence of the Liberal Party,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> his commitment to free trade as Chancellor under Aberdeen and, later, Palmerston.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might assess</b> Gladstone’s support for upholding British trading rights abroad as in China, 1858-60.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that Gladstone defended ‘liberal’ causes abroad including support for Italian nationalism.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> Gladstone’s support for the extension of the vote to the skilled working class.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> Gladstone’s willingness to work with Radicals like Cobden and Bright.</li> </ul> <p><b>In arguing there were other reasons,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might explain</b> how many events abroad were ‘constitutional’ issues on which Whigs, radical and Peelites agreed.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the impact of the death of Palmerston.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the influence of the provincial and predominantly liberal middle-class press.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the closer links between working class and middle-class radicals.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> divisions within Radical</li> </ul>	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><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></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"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates will focus on ‘How far?’; but at Level 4, may simply list reasons/factors.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the relative importance of Gladstone.</li> <li>• At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the view.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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3*	<p>elements, in Parliament at least, which undermined any development of a separate Radical Party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the influence of a strong non-conformist middle class.</li> </ul> <p><b>How successful were the domestic reforms of Disraeli's ministry, 1874-80, in dealing with the social and labour problems of the period?</b></p> <p><b>In arguing that the reforms were successful,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the initiatives taken to improve housing.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the ban on harmful ingredients in food.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the legalisation of peaceful picketing.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the reforms designed to improve factory conditions for woman and young people.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the effect of the Merchant Shipping Act and the safety of seamen.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the introduction of compulsory education.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the Friendly Societies Act.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> various public health measures that were introduced.</li> </ul> <p><b>In arguing that social and labour problems were not addressed satisfactorily,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> the Licensing Act increased the consumption of alcohol.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the permissive nature of the reforms.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that nothing was done to</li> </ul>	20	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></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"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates will focus on 'How successful but at Level 4, may simply list reasons/factors.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the success of Disraeli's policies.</li> <li>• At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the success of Disraeli's policies</li> <li>• To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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	<p>relieve poverty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that the government did not address the problem of unemployment.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might discuss</b> the lack of attention paid to matters of crime and policing.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might note</b> that, in terms of reform, the administration rather 'ran out of steam' with little achieved domestically after 1876</li> </ul>		

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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>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section A, Question 1: How far do the four sources support the view? [30]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 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.
<b>Level 5</b> 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.
<b>Level 4</b> 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.
<b>Level 3</b> 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.
<b>Level 2</b> 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.
<b>Level 1</b> 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>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section B, Questions 2 and 3: Essay [20]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 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.
<b>Level 5</b> 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.
<b>Level 4</b> 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.
<b>Level 3</b> 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.
<b>Level 2</b> 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.
<b>Level 1</b> 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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