



**GCE**

**History A**

**Y205/01:** Exploration, encounters and empire 1445-1570

Advanced GCE

**Mark Scheme for November 2020**

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**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

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<b>J</b>	Judgement
<b>KU</b>	Knowledge and understanding
<b>P</b>	Provenance
<b>SC</b>	Simple comment
	Unclear
<b>V</b>	View

## Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a)	<p><b>Which of the following results of the Spanish conquests had the greater impact on the indigenous peoples?</b></p> <p><b>(i) Changes to the social system</b></p> <p><b>(ii) The introduction of the Catholic religion</b></p> <p><b>Explain your answer with reference to both (i) <u>and</u> (ii).</b></p> <p><b>In dealing with the social system</b>, answers might explain that the Crown granted Indian villages to Spanish settlers (the <i>encomiendas</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answers might explain that the settlers were responsible for protecting the villagers and were obliged to provide religious instruction and education to the Indians.</li> <li>Answers might explain that, in return, the villagers paid tribute (usually labour) to the settler. In effect, a feudal system was established.</li> <li>Answers might explain how most settlers treated the Indians badly.</li> <li>Answers might explain the importance of Spanish ideas of racial purity (<i>limpieza de sangre</i>)</li> <li>Answers might explain how European Spaniards established a social hierarchy with themselves at the top.</li> <li>Answers might explain how Spanish culture was imposed in buildings, places of learning and the arts.</li> </ul> <p><b>In dealing with the Catholic religion</b>, answers might explain how churches were founded (c. 250 in New Spain by 1570).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answers might explain how the Catholic Church asserted power over indigenous people.</li> <li>Answers might explain how missionary friars assumed a key role in the organisation of Indian villages.</li> </ul>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No set answer is expected.</li> <li>Judgement must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>Only credit material relevant to the question.</li> <li>Answers may deal with each factor in turn then compare them to reach a judgement, or may take a continually comparative approach. Either approach is acceptable.</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 descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answers might argue that religious orders such as Jesuits, Dominicans and Franciscans regarded it as their duty to convert local people to the Catholic faith.</li> <li>Answers might explain how enlightened missionaries were concerned for the rights of Indians and the influence they had in the introduction of the New Laws (Las Casas).</li> <li>Answers might explain that the Catholic church lacked authority in the more remote areas such as Peru.</li> <li>Answers might explain that traditional religious practices were continued despite the efforts of the Spanish to eradicate them.</li> </ul>		
1 (b)*	<p><b>‘The economic impact of overseas empire on Europe before 1570 was more positive than negative.’ How far do you agree?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In arguing that the impact was positive</b>, answers might argue that colonial markets stimulated shipbuilding and domestic industries.</li> <li>Answers might argue that resources from Empire formed the basis of new industries such as sugar refining.</li> <li>Answers might argue that the volume of trade increased.</li> <li>Answers might argue that links to and from Empire led to the growth of towns especially Lisbon and Seville.</li> <li>Answers might see the beginning of the slave trade of importance, especially for the Portuguese.</li> <li>Answers might argue that silver from the New World was of great financial benefit to Spain in particular.</li> <li><b>In arguing that the impact was negative</b>, answers might argue that silver imports helped drive inflation and a reliance on silver which discouraged investment</li> <li>Answers might argue that colonial goods undercut home</li> </ul>	20	<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 factors.</li> <li>At Level 5 and above, there will be judgements as to the relative merits of the points discussed.</li> <li>At higher levels, candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the importance of the economic impact of empire on Europe.</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 to analyse and evaluate the sources, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>

	<p>industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answers might argue that the concentration of colonial trade in coastal ports encouraged internal migration from the interior to the coast and the impoverishment of the interior.</li> <li>Answers might explain how seasonal fairs declined.</li> <li>Answers might argue that empire encouraged complacency and parasitical attitudes.</li> <li>Answers might explain how the wealth of empire was more to the benefit of a few and how the gap between rich and poor was accentuated.</li> </ul>		
<b>2 (a)</b>	<p><b>Which of the following results of overseas conquests was of greater importance for the Spanish and Portuguese monarchies?</b></p> <p><b>(i) Political power</b> <b>(ii) Wealth</b></p> <p><b>Explain your answer with reference to both (i) <u>and</u> (ii).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In dealing with political power</b>, answers might argue that the prestige of the monarchies of Spain and Portugal were enhanced.</li> <li>Answers might argue that royal authority was extended over millions more subjects.</li> <li>Answers might argue new lands increased the scope of monarchs to distribute patronage.</li> <li>Answers might consider the benefit of overseas conquests as a distraction and outlet for frustrated and ambitious nobles.</li> <li>Answers might argue that overseas conquest increased the power of the Catholic Church which, indirectly,</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No set answer is expected.</li> <li>Judgement must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>Only credit material relevant to the question.</li> <li>Answers may deal with each factor in turn then compare them to reach a judgement, or may take a continually comparative approach. Either approach is acceptable.</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 descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>

	<p>increased the power of the monarchies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In dealing with wealth</b>, answers might argue that supplies of precious metals especially silver boosted royal revenues.</li> <li>• Answers might explain how the bullion belonging to private traders was often taken as a 'forced loan'.</li> <li>• Answers might explain how increased trade with empire increased customs revenues.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that monarchs received tribute from local people who lived on lands claimed by the crown.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the wealth of empire financed wars, royal building and extravagance.</li> </ul>		
<b>2 (b)*</b>	<p><b>'Limited methods of navigation were the most important difficulty faced by explorers on their journeys overseas.'</b> <b>How far do you agree?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In dealing with limited methods of navigation</b>, answers might explain that the use of the magnetic needle to determine longitude was unreliable.</li> <li>• Answers might explain that 'dead reckoning' (calculating by speed and drift) was widely practiced throughout the period before 1570</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the astrolabe as the main means of finding latitude was unreliable in rough seas.</li> <li>• Answers might explain how the use of other instruments like the quadrant was difficult.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that maps were extremely limited.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the Portuguese, especially, clung to the coast of Africa because navigation methods were limited.</li> <li>• Answers might explain that increasing awareness of the</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates will focus on the 'how far' but at Level 4 may simply list factors.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above, there will be judgements on limited methods of navigation.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the overall effect of navigational methods.</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 to analyse and evaluate the sources, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>



	<p>navigation knowledge and techniques of Arabs and those of antiquity, were of some help to later explorers but were largely unknown to the Portuguese pioneers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In dealing with other difficulties</b>, answers might argue that the ships used by explorers were small and vulnerable to heavy seas.</li><li>• Answers might argue that maintaining sufficient supplies of clean water and food was a major problem.</li><li>• Answers might argue that maintaining the morale and discipline of the crew was very difficult.</li><li>• Answers might argue that disease and boredom were potential problems.</li><li>• Answers might consider the difficulties of two or more ships keeping in touch with each other.</li></ul>		
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