



**GCE**

**History A**

**Y206/01: Spain 1469-1556**

Advanced GCE

**Mark Scheme for November 2020**

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	Irrelevant, a significant amount of material that does not answer the question
	Judgement
	Knowledge and understanding
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## Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1 (a)	<p><b>Which of the following was of greater importance in asserting the authority of Isabella and Ferdinand?</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Control of the towns</b> (ii) <b>Control of the nobility</b></p> <p><b>Explain your answer with reference to both (i) <u>and</u> (ii).</b></p> <p><b>In dealing with the control of the towns,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers might explain that the Hermandad was set up in every place with more than 50 inhabitants to act as police and to try people for robbery, murder and arson.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that they were able to deal with small disorders only and they were opposed in the cities of Aragon and withdrawn from them after a short period as a result.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that all major towns had to accept a corregidor though their effectiveness varied.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the Crown appointed regidores (town councillors).</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the appointment of magistrates (alcaldes) helped enforce the law.</li> <li>• Answers might explain the importance of royal visits to towns.</li> </ul> <p><b>In dealing with the control of the nobility,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers might explain how the nobility were made responsible for the collection of the alcabala (sales tax).</li> <li>• Answers might discuss how titled nobles were encouraged to spend time at the royal court.</li> <li>• Answers might explain how nobles were compensated for the reclamation of royal lands lost since 1464.</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 discuss how nobles were forbidden to build new castles or fight private wars.</li> <li>Answers might explain how nobles were rewarded with land and titles for their support especially in the war in Granada.</li> <li>Answers might explain how the three military orders were brought under royal control.</li> <li>Answers might explain how Isabella and Ferdinand encouraged the nobles to use the mayorazgo as the way of transferring their lands as an inheritance.</li> </ul>		
1 (b)*	<p><b>‘Religious zeal was the main reason for the victory of Christian forces in their conquest of Granada between 1482 and 1492.’ How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In arguing that religious zeal was the reason for victory,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answers might argue that the campaign was regarded as a crusade.</li> <li>Answers might argue that the campaign was regarded as part of the <i>Reconquista</i> against the infidel which inspired a sense of duty to serve.</li> <li>Answers might explain that the Papacy granted a <i>cruzada</i> (special tax) to pay for the war.</li> <li>Answers might discuss how Ferdinand and Isabella went to the shrine of St James of Compostella to seek divine help.</li> <li>Answers might argue that knights usually wore crusader crosses.</li> <li>Answers might argue that Ferdinand carried a huge silver cross at the head of the troops.</li> <li>Answers might argue that official propaganda portrayed the campaign as religiously motivated.</li> <li>Answers might argue that the title of ‘Catholic Monarchs’ conferred on Ferdinand and Isabella indicates that</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 success of specific policies.</li> <li>At higher levels, candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the importance of religious zeal.</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>religious motives were important.</p> <p><b>In arguing that other factors were important,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers might argue that Ferdinand provided effective leadership.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss the contribution of the nobility who backed the campaign.</li> <li>• Answers might explain that Muslim leaders in Granada were divided.</li> <li>• Answers might explain that Muslims in Granada did not receive help from Muslims in Africa or from elsewhere.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that Christian forces were effectively organised and controlled by the crown and acted as a national army rather than medieval forces.</li> </ul>		
<b>2 (a)</b>	<p><b>Which of the following was the greater threat to Spain in the period from 1469 to 1556?</b></p> <p><b>(i) The French</b></p> <p><b>(ii) The Ottoman Turks</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 the French,</b> answers might discuss the border disputes over Cerdagne and Roussillon in the 1490s.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss the French invasion of Italy in 1494 and the threat to Spanish interests in Naples.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss how the Italian Wars were conducted by Ferdinand and Isabella.</li> <li>• Answers might explain French intervention in north Italy was a threat to the Spanish Road linking to the Low Countries.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss how the Italian Wars were conducted by Charles I.</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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answers might assess how the French alliance with the Muslims in the 1540s threatened Spanish interests in the Mediterranean.</li> <li><b>In dealing with the Ottoman Turks</b>, answers might discuss the interference of pirates on Spanish shipping in the Mediterranean.</li> <li>Answers might assess the raids made on the Spanish coast and the potential risk of an alliance with Muslims in Granada.</li> <li>Answers might explain how the Ferdinand and Isabella engaged the Turks in the defence of Rhodes, Otranto and Cephalonia.</li> <li>Answers might explain how the Spanish intervened in North Africa to secure bases there throughout the period.</li> <li>Answers might argue that the Ottoman advance on Vienna was an indirect threat to Spanish interests which explains Charles' relief of the city (1532).</li> <li>Answers might discuss the activities of Barbarossa in the Mediterranean.</li> </ul>		
<b>2 (b)*</b>	<p><b>How important was the marriage of Isabella and Ferdinand to their success as rulers of Castile and Aragon?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In arguing that the marriage was important to their success</b>, answers might argue that it combined the strengths of Castile and Aragon and the power of each ruler.</li> <li>Answers might argue that neither kingdom had cause to fear the other and allowed them to be less insular.</li> <li>Answers might argue that both partners were competent rulers who worked together.</li> <li>Answers might argue that domestic and foreign policy</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 'to what extent' but at Level 4 may simply list factors.</li> <li>At Level 5 and above, there will be judgements as to the relative importance of the conciliar system to other factors.</li> <li>At higher levels, candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the main reason for stability.</li> <li>To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If</li> </ul>

	<p>was coordinated in the interests of both Castile and Aragon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers might argue that Ferdinand's qualities as a military leader were complemented by Isabella's skills as a politician.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the marriage produced heirs which cemented the position of Ferdinand and Isabella on their thrones and were useful in forging treaties abroad.</li> <li>• <b>In arguing that other factors were important</b>, answers might explain that victory in the civil war of 1474-79 was crucial to their success.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the conquest of Granada secured their positions.</li> <li>• Answers might stress the restoration of law and order as key to their success.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the support of the nobility was important in their success.</li> <li>• Answers might discuss the importance of the Church.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the improvement of the royal finances was an important factor.</li> <li>• Answers might argue that the consequences of the death of Isabella in 1504 served to illustrate the importance of the marriage to the success of Ferdinand and Isabella as rulers.</li> </ul>		<p>not, they are assertions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
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