



**GCE**

**History A**

**Y307/01: Thematic study and historical interpretations: Tudor foreign policy 1485-1603**

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

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
<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
<b>S</b>	Synthesis
<b>C</b>	Continuity/Change

## 12. Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	<p><b>Evaluate the interpretations in both of the two passages and explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the significance for England of the defeat of the Armada.</b></p> <p><b>In locating the Interpretations within the wider historical debate, answers might suggest</b> that Interpretation A argues that it had an impact on her popularity at home and that victory brought England few benefits</p> <p><b>In evaluating Interpretation A,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation A is valid as England did become harder to govern with growing opposition in parliament and unrest.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation A is valid as victory in 1588 did not prevent further Spanish armadas or their support for Tyrone.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation A is valid as privateers continued to attack the Spanish silver fleet.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation A is valid as the threat of Spain was diminished due to events in France and the Netherlands.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation A is not valid as Elizabeth was seen as the protestant saviour and propaganda portrayed her as national saviour.</li> </ul> <p><b>In locating the Interpretations within the wider historical debate, answers might suggest</b> that Interpretation B argues that Elizabeth achieved her</p>	30	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.  <u><b>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</b></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"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above answers will evaluate both interpretations, locating them within the wider historical debate about the issue and using their own knowledge, and reach a balanced judgement as to which they consider the most convincing about the issue in the question.</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>• Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the interpretations, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme</li> </ul>

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	<p>objectives, safeguarding national independence, but that the cost was high</p> <p><b>In evaluating Interpretation B,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation B is valid as the cost of warfare mounted in the 1590s.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation B is valid as Protestantism was safeguarded in the Netherlands.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation B is valid as France was able to drive out the Catholic league, which Spain had supported.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation B is valid as domestic difficulties did plague Elizabeth's government in the 1590s.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue that</b> Interpretation B is valid as Elizabeth prevented the French coastline from falling under Spanish control.</li> </ul>		



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2*	<p><b>‘Continuity rather than change was the main feature of England’s relations with France in the period from 1485 to 1603.’ How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In supporting the hypothesis in the question,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that war against France was a feature of the period from 1485 to the 1570s.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that France was viewed as the traditional enemy.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the constant concerns about the Auld Alliance between France and Scotland and the use of the postern gate.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the concerns about the Channel ports being under French control.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the claim made by English monarchs to the French throne.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the importance of Calais throughout the period.</li> </ul> <p><b>In challenging the hypothesis in the question,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that there were times under Henry VIII and Elizabeth when England allied with France.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> concerns that France would join the Habsburgs in a crusade following Henry’s divorce from Catherine of Aragon.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the extent to which the Treaty of Blois (1572) was a turning point.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the specific concerns over Mary Queen of Scots marriage to the French dauphin.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the presence of French soldiers in Scotland.</li> </ul>	25	<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 answers might establish criteria against which to judge the validity of the interpretation.</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</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>

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3*	<p><b>'Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon was the most important turning point in England's relations with Spain in the period from 1485 to 1603.'</b> <b>How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In supporting the hypothesis in the question</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that it ended the political alliance created at Medina del Campo.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that it led to the possibility of a crusade against England by the Catholic powers.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the damage done as Charles viewed it as a personal insult.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that it left England isolated and they looked to the German Protestant princes for friendship.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that it ended attempts by England to invade France in alliance with Spain.</li> </ul> <p><b>In challenging the hypothesis in the question,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that relations with Spain were restored after Catherine's death.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that the war in the 1580s was a more important turning point.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that English support for the Dutch rebels was a more important turning point.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> England's alliance with France from the 1570s was a more important turning point.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the Treaty of Medina del Campo was more significant as it gave the Tudors both recognition and security.</li> </ul>	25	<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 answers might establish criteria against which to judge the validity of the interpretation.</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</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>

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4*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the impact of the Armada and that the war continued until 1604 with support given to Tyrone in Ireland.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that religious changes in England were the most important turning point.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> Mary Tudor's marriage to Philip and England subsequent involvement in war.</li> </ul> <p><b>Foreign policy had a serious impact on England's financial affairs throughout the period from 1485 to 1603.' How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In supporting the view foreign policy did have a serious impact,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that the lack of finances impacted on Henry VII's actions over France and Brittany.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that Henry VIII's wars against France bankrupted England.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> foreign policy led to attempts to raise funds using innovative methods, as in the 1520s and the Amicable Grant.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that national security concerns in the 1540s led to the money being raised from the Dissolution of the Monasteries being spent on the navy and defences.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that trade embargoes had an impact on financial income during the reign of Henry VII.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that Henry VIII's wars against France and Scotland in the 1540s caused serious financial problems and inflation.</li> </ul>	25	<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 answers might establish criteria against which to judge the validity of the interpretation.</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</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>

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	<p><b>In arguing that foreign policy did not have a serious impact,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that Elizabeth was able to wage war against Spain from the 1580s despite financial problems.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that the use of privateers against the Spanish allowed Elizabeth to continue fighting.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that avoidance of war by Henry VII ensured that Henry VIII was financially secure.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that Northumberland avoided a costly foreign policy, and this improved the financial position of England.</li> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that Elizabeth avoided war in the early years, and this helped financial recovery.</li> </ul>		

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APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>AO3: Analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted.</i>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section A, Question 1: Interpretation [30]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 26–30 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question throughout. It has thorough and sustained evaluation of the interpretations, using detailed and accurate knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce a convincing and supported analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 5</b> 21–25 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question throughout. It has good evaluation of the interpretations, using relevant knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce a supported analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 4</b> 16–20 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. It has evaluation of the interpretations based on generally relevant knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce an analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 3</b> 11–15 marks	The answer is partially focused on the question. It has partial evaluation of the interpretations based on some knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue. There may be some use of information from one of the two interpretations to support the evaluation of the other, but the evaluation will not rely on this. There is a limited analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question.
<b>Level 2</b> 6–10 marks	The answer has a limited focus on the question. Parts of the answer are just description of the interpretations, with evaluation in relation to historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue being weak, and evaluation relying heavily on information drawn from the other interpretation. There is a very limited analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question.
<b>Level 1</b> 1–5 marks	The answer has some relevance to the topic, but not the specific question. The answer consists mostly of description of the interpretations with very limited evaluation based on very generalised knowledge of historical context and minimal or no reference to the wider historical debate. Analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question is either in the form of assertion or lacking.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding and no demonstration of any relevant knowledge.

	<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, 3 and 4: Essay [25]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 21–25 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question. Detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a fully developed synthesis supporting a convincing and substantiated judgement. 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> 17–20 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question. Generally accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a developed synthesis supporting a substantiated judgement. 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> 13–16 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. Relevant knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a synthesis supporting a reasonable judgement. 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> 9–12 marks	The answer has a partial focus on the question. Some relevant knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and explain key features of the period studied in order to attempt an undeveloped synthesis, which is linked to a judgement, though the supporting explanation may lack detail and clarity. The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure. The information is supported by limited evidence.
<b>Level 2</b> 5–8 marks	The answer has only a limited focus on the question. Limited relevant knowledge and understanding is used to give a limited explanation and analysis of key features of the period studied. There is a judgement but this may not be clearly linked with the supporting explanation. 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> 1–4 marks	The answer has a limited focus on the topic, but not the specific question. The answer is largely descriptive, with only very generalised knowledge of the period studied being used to attempt basic explanation and very limited analysis. Judgements are unsupported and are not linked to analysis. Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.
0 marks	The answer contains no relevant information.

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