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HISTORY - UNIT 4
DEPTH STUDY 7
THE CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC,
c. 1840-1877

PART 2: CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION,
c. 1861-1877

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INTRODUCTION

This marking scheme was used by WJEC for the 2017 examination. It was finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conference was held shortly after the paper was taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conference was to ensure that the marking scheme was interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conference, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

WJEC regrets that it cannot enter into any discussion or correspondence about this marking scheme.

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Marking guidance for examiners

Summary of assessment objectives for Question 1

Question 1 assesses assessment objective 2. This assessment objective is focused on the ability to analyse and evaluate different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted. The total mark awarded to this question is 30.

The structure of the mark scheme

The mark scheme for Question 1 has two parts:

- advice on each specific question outlining indicative content which can be used to assess the quality of the specific response. This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to. Assessors should seek to credit any further admissible evidence offered by candidates.
- an assessment grid advising which bands and marks should be given to responses which demonstrate the qualities needed in assessment objective 2.

Deciding on the mark awarded within a band

The first stage for an examiner is to decide the overall band. The second stage is to decide how firmly the qualities expected for that band are displayed. Thirdly a final mark for the question can then be awarded.

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR QUESTION 1

NOTE: This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to below. Assessors should seek to credit any further admissible evidence offered by candidates. Each answer will be assessed on its merits according to the assessment grid as well as the indicative content.

With reference to the sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying emancipation in the Civil War 1861-1863.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate their ability to analyse and evaluate a range of primary source material with a high degree of discrimination. Source evaluation skills should focus on discussing the strengths and the limitations of the primary sources in their historical context. To judge value to an historian, there should also be analysis and evaluation of the content and the authorship of the primary sources.

In analysing and evaluating the provided source material, candidates may deploy knowledge and understanding from their previous learning. Credit may be given if previous learning is used to show understanding of the historical context if appropriate.

Candidates will consider the value of the sources to an historian studying emancipation in the Civil War 1861-1863. Understanding of the historical context should also be demonstrated to analyse and evaluate the value of the sources to the particular enquiry. Appropriate observations in the analysis and evaluation of the sources may include:

- Source A is a newspaper report about Fremont's controversial Proclamation about emancipation of the slaves in his military area at a very early stage in the Civil War. The source provides the immediate context for this decision and the reaction of Lincoln. He was furious with Fremont for undermining his border strategy and refused to back it – in fact he ordered Fremont to rescind his Proclamation. Radicals were disappointed with Lincoln's caution, which is directly criticised in the extract, laying bare the division within the northern ranks about the issue. Lincoln's sensitivity was heightened by the fact that Fremont had been the party's candidate in the 1856 election. The newspaper is also critical of the caution on the issue of slavery being displayed by the government. However it certainly foreshadows the debate in 1862 and reveals how far Lincoln had travelled by that stage. It was a very popular publication and it makes no attempt to hide its sympathies on the issue showing no empathy with Lincoln's difficulties in keeping the border states loyal and appealing to what he hoped were loyalists in the South. It provides valuable contemporary evidence to an historian studying the issue of emancipation during the early Civil War
- Source B on the other hand is Lincoln himself writing in a private letter justifying his actions to a friend. Here the context is different and Lincoln is using the events of the war to justify his action in issuing his Emancipation Proclamation. He cleverly refers to the views of some of his commanders who were not abolitionists and who testify to the effectiveness of the Proclamation in winning the war. However this letter goes beyond the military reasoning used by Lincoln. Lincoln's motives are also bound up with his concept of freedom and his belief in the rightness of his move. The debate on the constitutional aspects of the decision are also laid bare in this document. It is also a private letter to a friend and candidates may comment on Lincoln's technique in persuading his friend to accept his arguments. The source is very valuable to a study of emancipation in the Civil War as it is emphasising Lincoln's reasonableness and also in marshalling his arguments. There is a dig about African Americans being prepared to fight for the Union. Candidates should further comment on the provenance of the source as written to a friend where we can glimpse the real Lincoln

- Source C is another letter with a different context - both writer and recipient were in different political camps from Lincoln. Here the context is the impact of the Emancipation Proclamation in the South itself. The content of the source provides examples of the way emancipation was working and how slaves knew about it so soon. It effectively undermined the Confederacy encouraging large numbers of slaves to escape as was demonstrated by the advance of Sherman into the South later in the war. It is remarkably good first hand evidence and is of considerable value in studying emancipation but it is tempered by the fact that Cooper is a leading abolitionist who was writing to a Democrat bitterly opposed to the emancipation proclamation. It goes some way to corroborate Lincoln's estimate of the effect of emancipation in Source B. The provenance of a private letter between opponents should be commented upon

Overall, candidates will provide a judgment regarding the value of the sources to an historian studying emancipation in the Civil War 1861- 1863 and are able to demonstrate that value through consideration of the tone and nature of the presented sources and understanding of the historical context.

ASSESSMENT GRID FOR QUESTION 1

Target AO2

Total mark: 30

Analyse and evaluate appropriate source material, primary and/or contemporary to the period, within its historical content

Band 6 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>Sustained and accurate analysis and evaluation of the given sources involving full and valid consideration of the content, provenance and tone of the sources; full understanding shown of the correct historical context associated with the set enquiry; reaches a full and substantiated judgement regarding the value of the sources to an historian studying a particular issue.</i>
B6H	30	The response shows accurate and sustained source evaluation using the content and attributions to deal with the strengths and limitations of each of the three sources, setting the response in the correct historical context and covering all of the period set in the enquiry. There will be a sustained and fully substantiated judgement on both the individual and collective value of all three sources to an historian studying the particular issue.
B6L	26	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 6.
Band 5 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>Meaningful analysis and evaluation of the given sources involving valid consideration of the content, provenance and tone of the sources; understanding shown of the correct historical context associated with the set enquiry; reaches a valid judgement regarding the value of the sources to an historian studying a particular issue.</i>
B5H	25	The response shows accurate source evaluation using the content and attributions to deal with the strengths and limitations of each of the three sources, setting the response in the correct historical context and covering most of the period set in the enquiry. There will be a valid judgement on the value of all three sources to an historian studying the particular issue.
B5L	23	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 5.
Band 4 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>Clearly attempts an analysis and evaluation of the given sources in relation to the historical context of the set enquiry with some consideration of the content, provenance and tone of the sources; a sound judgement is seen regarding the value of all or some of the three sources.</i>
B4H	20	The response is able to discuss the strengths and limitations of all three sources by focusing on their attributions, content and the historical context. The judgement on value will be clear and supported on all three sources.
B4M	18	The response is able to discuss the strengths and limitations of the three sources by focusing on their attributions, content and the historical context. There will be some issues with imbalance in the treatment of the sources. The judgement on value will be clear on some or all of the three sources but with some general comments.
B4L	16	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 4. Value to the historian is seen here but the reference will be limited.

Band 3 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>Mechanistic use of the content and attributions of the given sources to discuss their utility; begins to show some general awareness of the historical context relating to the set enquiry; limited judgement on the utility of all or some of the sources.</i>
B3H	15	The response is able to discuss the strengths and/or limitations of the three sources by focusing on their attributions and content. Any reference to the historical context will be limited. There will be a judgement on the utility of all of the sources.
B3M	13	The response is able to discuss the strengths and/or limitations of some of the three sources by focusing on their attributions and/or content. Any reference to the historical context will be limited. There will be a limited judgement on the utility of two of the three sources.
B3L	11	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 3. Also use if only one attribution is attempted to show utility.
Band 2 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>Mechanistic and formulaic use of the content of the given sources to show their utility; little understanding of the historical context is seen.</i>
B2H	10	The response is able to discuss the strengths and/or limitations of some of the three sources by focusing on their content mostly; any references to the historical context will be general and vague. There will be a limited judgement on the utility of at least one of the sources.
B2M	8	The response is able to discuss the strengths and/or limitations of some of the three sources by focusing on their content and omissions with some imbalance; any references to the historical context will be very general and vague.
B2L	6	The response trawls through the sources only.
Band 1 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>Copies or paraphrases from content or attributions of the given sources.</i>
B1H	5	Paraphrases from all of the three sources and/or attributions or plain narrative.
B1L	3	Copies from one or two of the three sources and/or attributions.
	0	Use for incorrect answers.

Candidates should be rewarded for making connections and comparisons between elements of both parts of the depth study where relevant.

QUESTIONS 2 AND 3

Marking guidance for examiners

Summary of assessment objectives for Question 2 and 3

Both questions assess assessment objective 1. This assessment objective is a single element focused on the ability to analyse and evaluate and reach substantiated judgements. The mark awarded to each question chosen in this section is 30.

The structure of the mark scheme

The mark scheme for Unit 3 has two parts:

- advice on each specific question outlining indicative content which can be used to assess the quality of the specific response. This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to. Assessors should seek to credit any further admissible evidence offered by candidates.
- an assessment grid advising which bands and marks should be given to responses which demonstrate the qualities needed in assessment objective 1.
- the assessment grid for questions 1 and 2 and that for question 3 differ in that the assessment for question 3 expects candidates to demonstrate understanding of change and/or development over the long term (at least 100 years).

Deciding on the mark awarded within a band

The first stage for an examiner is to decide the overall band. The second stage is to decide how firmly the qualities expected for that band are displayed. Thirdly a final mark for the question can then be awarded.

Organisation and communication

This issue should have a bearing if the standard of organisation and communication is inconsistent with the descriptor for the band in which the answer falls. In this situation, examiners may decide not to award the highest mark within the band.

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR QUESTION 2

NOTE: This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to below. Assessors should seek to credit any further admissible evidence offered by candidates. Each answer will be assessed on its merits according to the assessment grid as well as the indicative content.

How far do you agree that the North won the Civil War mainly because of superior military leadership?

Candidates are expected to consider and debate the full range of issues that affected the key concept in the question – in this case whether the North won the Civil War because of superior military leadership. They will consider a range of key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance where appropriate and also the relationship between the key characteristics and features associated with the issue in the question.

In addressing the context of the set question, candidates may deploy knowledge and understanding from their previous learning. Credit may be given if the knowledge and understanding deployed helps to address the specific question set.

Candidates will offer an analysis and evaluation of reasons for the North's victory in the Civil War. In order to reach a substantiated judgment about this issue, candidates may argue that the North did indeed win because of superior military leadership. The response might consider supporting the proposition by considering:

- Lincoln's record as a wartime president and leader
- the weakness of Jefferson Davis as a military leader of the confederacy
- the superior strategy of Grant and Sherman 1864-1865
- Confederate strategic mistakes 1862-1863 in the east
- weak Confederate military leadership in the western theatre of war

Candidates might consider challenging the proposition in the question by arguing that other factors were more responsible for the Northern victory in the Civil War. Indeed poor Northern military leadership in 1861-1862 may even have prolonged the war. The response might consider:

- Northern financial and economic resources
- Northern industrial might
- the emancipation strategy employed by Lincoln
- the effect of the naval blockade
- lack of foreign recognition and support for the South

Overall candidates will offer a debate and come to a substantiated judgement regarding whether the North won the Civil War mainly because of superior military leadership.

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR QUESTION 3

NOTE: This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to below. Assessors should seek to credit any further admissible evidence offered by candidates. Each answer will be assessed on its merits according to the assessment grid as well as the indicative content.

'The violent resistance of white southerners was mainly responsible for the failure of reconstruction.' Discuss.

Candidates are expected to consider and debate the full range of issues that affected the key concept in the question – in this case the effect of violent white southerner resistance on the failure of reconstruction. They will consider a range of key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance where appropriate and also the relationship between the key characteristics and features associated with the issue in the question.

In addressing the context of the set question, candidates may deploy knowledge and understanding from their previous learning. Credit may be given if the knowledge and understanding deployed helps to address the specific question set.

Candidates will offer an analysis and evaluation of the reasons for the failure of Reconstruction. In order to reach a substantiated judgment about the issue, candidates may argue that violent resistance by white southerners was mainly responsible for the failure of reconstruction. The response might consider supporting the proposition by considering:

- the campaign of resistance by white southerners
- Ku Klux Klan activism reaching a peak in 1869-1871
- the failure of the Force Acts 1870-1871
- the spread of terrorism, violence and intimidation in the deep South fatally undermined republicanism

Candidates might consider challenging the proposition in the question by arguing that other factors were more important in explaining the failure of reconstruction. The response might consider:

- the depression of the 1870s and stagnation of demand for cotton stymies economic recovery
- factionalism and corruption undermining legitimacy of new governments and the Freedman Bureau
- the failure of republicanism to appeal politically to white southerners
- the failure of Northern administrations to enforce reconstruction
- success of conservatives in killing off reconstruction in political horse - trading in 1876-1877

Overall candidates will offer a debate and come to a substantiated judgement regarding the failure of reconstruction and the role played in its failure by violent resistance by white southerners.

ASSESSMENT GRID FOR QUESTIONS 2 AND 3

Target AO2

Total mark: 30

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.

Band 6 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>The response is fully focused on the exact key concept in the set question, covering the set period, with a clear and convincing debate on the main developments and reaching a substantiated judgement in a lucid and fully coherent essay.</i>
B6H	30	The response engages with the exact key concept and the fuller range of issues arising from the question set throughout the essay and is able to provide an analytical, evaluative and lucid essay with a fully convincing and substantiated judgement covering the whole of the set period.
B6M	28	The response engages with the exact key concept and the fuller range of issues arising from the question set throughout the essay and is able to provide an analytical, evaluative and lucid essay with a convincing and substantiated judgement covering the whole of the set period.
B6L	26	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 6
Band 5 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>The response is mainly focused on debating the key concept in the set question, covering most or all of the full period. The response considers most of the main developments; provides a convincing debate and is able to come to a supported, balanced and appropriate judgement.</i>
B5H	25	The response clearly engages with the key concept and offers a convincing debate regarding the range of issues arising from the question set throughout the essay and is able to provide an analytical, evaluative and well written essay with a balanced and appropriate judgement covering most of the set period.
B5M	23	The response engages with the key concept and offers a debate regarding the range of issues arising from the question set throughout most of the essay and is able to provide an analytical, evaluative and well written essay with a balanced and appropriate judgement covering most of the set period.
B5L	21	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 5. <i>[This can also be used for good responses that don't cover most of the period set].</i>
Band 4 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>The response has some focus on the key concept in the set question covering some to all of the set period, with some debate on some of the developments and a supported, balanced judgement on the key concept in a structured essay. There may well be some drift but there should be the beginning of a meaningful debate in the response.</i>
B4H	20	The response will be mainly focused on debating the key concept in the set question. There will be some meaningful discussion of how and why the main developments, events or factors impacted on the key concept in the set question over most of the set period. There will be a balanced judgement, largely supported by the bulk of the essay, though some slight drift may be apparent.
B4M	18	The response begins to debate the key concept in the question set. There will be an attempt to analyse and evaluate a series of developments, events or factors in relation to the key concept over most of the period set. There may be some listing of developments and a series of mini judgements. There will be a balanced final judgement but there may well be some drift.
B4L	16	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 4

Band 3 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>The response has some focus on the key issues set and begins to discuss these to come to a judgement on the question set. The response is usually restricted to a “for and against” discussion with some evidence of listing and unloading of notes. There may well be some considerable drift; and there may well be a mechanistic tone to the response.</i>
B3H	15	The response tends to focus on using a highly structured (<i>mechanistic/formulaic</i>) series of developments, events and/or factors over the period rather than the key concept in the question set. The response does offer a judgement with some support, often by considering factors for and against - [<i>the yes/no – for and against – essay</i>]
B3M	13	The response tends to be in the form of a generalised, listing of developments, events and/or factors. There may a weak focus and imbalanced judgement on the key concept in the question set [<i>the yes (or no) imbalanced essay</i>]. Also use if the answers do not deal adequately with the key concept or with any counter arguments or for answers which provide an imbalanced argument.
B3L	11	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 3
Band 2 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>The response is largely based on the TOPIC area but is descriptive in tone with very limited focus on discussing the key concept in the set question.</i>
B2H	10	The response is a predominantly descriptive account of the developments, events and/or factors of the topic area. There may be a “tagged on” [<i>throwaway / simplistic / bolt-on</i>] judgement referring to the key concept in the set question which is not appropriately supported. Accept an inferred or implied judgement here.
B2M	8	The response is limited to a predominantly descriptive account of the developments, events and/or factors related to the topic area. No judgement is attempted here.
B2L	6	The response begins to show some characteristics of Band 2.
Band 1 CHARACTERISTICS		<i>The response is very limited, undeveloped, very brief or largely irrelevant.</i>
B1H	5	The response is very limited and undeveloped though there is some weak link to the topic area.
B1L	3	The response is very brief and/or largely irrelevant to the concept set.
	0	Use for incorrect answers

Candidates should be rewarded for making connections and comparisons between elements of both parts of the depth study where relevant.