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**HISTORY - UNIT HY4
PERIOD STUDY 8**

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE
c. 1878-1989**

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INTRODUCTION

This marking scheme was used by WJEC for the 2016 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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SECTION A

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Marking guidance

Deciding on the mark point within a level

The first stage for an examiner is to decide the overall level and then whether the work represents high, mid or low performance within the level.

Quality of written communication

This issue is determined by the quality of written communication as described in the level descriptor in which the answer has been placed. Examiners should place the response at the appropriate sub-level. If the quality of the written communication descriptor is warranted, then the highest mark within that sub-level should be awarded.

ASSESSMENT GRID FOR SECTION A ESSAYS

Target: AO1

Total mark: 40

Focus: *Recall, selection and deployment of appropriate historical knowledge; demonstrate understanding of the past through explanation, analysis and arriving at substantiated judgements about key concepts*

Level 1

Generally at this level, the candidate's response will be brief and / or irrelevant to the question set. They may recall some historical knowledge and they will show some accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar

Award 0 for incorrect or incomplete answers.

Level 1	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(1 mark)	(1-3 marks)
	The candidate is able to recall some historical knowledge and there is some accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar.	<p>Low Level 1: 1 mark</p> <p>The answer will be limited to generalised comments on the topic with little understanding of the concept set in the question and is generally irrelevant.</p> <p>High Level 1: 2 -3 marks</p> <p>The answer will be limited to some comments on the topic with little understanding of the concept set in the question.</p>

Level 2

Generally at this level, candidates will show evidence of understanding in their explanation of the key concept set in the question. They will show evidence of understanding through limited analysis and explanation. They will offer some judgement about the key concepts. They will be able to recall, select and deploy some relevant historical knowledge appropriately. The candidates will convey meaning with some clarity and with appropriate vocabulary, although there may be errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Level 2	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(2-3 marks)	(4-11 marks)
	<p>Low Level 2: 2 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy some general knowledge of the period with some appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p>High Level 2: 3 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy general knowledge of the key issues in the period set with mostly appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Low Level 2: 4-7 marks</p> <p>The answer will begin to show some evidence of limited understanding and explanation of factors. It will offer some comments about the relationships between the key issues and features of the historical period. The answer will be generally focussed on the topic area and has some basic explanation of something in the question; these answers may well be a narrative account with little attempt to provide a judgement on the question set.</p> <p>High Level 2: 8-11 marks</p> <p>The answer will begin to focus on the set question and will show some limited analysis and explanation of the concept set in the question. It will offer some judgement about the relationship between the key historical features and characteristics in relation to the question set. The answer will be relevant and valid but with a weak or sketchy focus on the key concept in the question; a largely topic based response with little specific judgement offered on the question set.</p>

Level 3

Generally at this level, candidates will show evidence of understanding through analysis and explanation. They will reach a judgement about the key concepts supported by the arguments they deploy. Candidates will recall, select and deploy relevant historical knowledge and will convey meaning clearly and with appropriate vocabulary, organisation and spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Level 3	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(4-6 marks)	(12-16 marks)
	<p>Low Level 3: 4 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy some relevant historical knowledge with some appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p>Mid Level 3: 5 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy some relevant historical knowledge with reasonable organisation and with appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Low Level 3: 12 marks</p> <p>The answer has some focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer some valid discussion about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer may well be a largely narrative account but with some attempt to provide a judgement on the question set. The judgement, though present at some point in the response, tends not to be supported by the argument being made though it may well have factual support.</p> <p>Mid Level 3: 13-14 marks</p> <p>The answer has an appropriate focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid discussion about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer may well contain some narrative but there will be an attempt to provide supporting arguments to reach a judgement on the question set. The judgement, though present at some point in the response, tends to be partially supported by the argument being made in the response. The responses may follow a listing approach but there will be some focus and judgement on the key concept in the question set.</p>

	<p>High Level 3: 6 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy generally relevant historical knowledge and the response will be clearly expressed with appropriate language and structure and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>High Level 3: 15-16 marks</p> <p>The answer has a clear focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and broadly balanced discussion about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer may well contain some narrative but there will be an attempt to provide supporting arguments to reach a broadly balanced judgement on the question set. The judgement, though present at some point in the response, is generally supported by the argument being made in the response. These responses may well discuss the key issue in the question set when coming to a judgement by considering factors for and against, often as two half essays.</p>
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Level 4

Generally for this level, candidates will show understanding through analysis and explanation to reach a substantiated and mostly sustained judgement about the key concepts. They will recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge. Candidates will communicate accurately and fluently with appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Level 4	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(7-10 marks)	(17-22 marks)
	<p>Low Level 4: 7 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy mostly accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge; the answer shows organisation, appropriate language and structure and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p>Mid Level 4: 8 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy mostly accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge; the answer communicates clearly with appropriate language and structure and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Low Level 4: 17-18 marks</p> <p>The answer has a focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and meaningful discussion about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer will include specific supporting arguments to reach a substantiated judgement on the question set so that the judgement is substantially supported by the arguments being made in the response. These responses will demonstrate valid analysis and explanation of the key issues to reach a substantiated judgement regarding the key concepts though there may be some lack of focus in sustaining the judgement.</p> <p>Mid Level 4: 19-20 marks</p> <p>The answer has a focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and balanced discussion about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer will include specific supporting arguments to reach a substantiated and sustained judgement on the question set. The judgement is substantially supported by the arguments being made in the response. These responses will demonstrate valid analysis and explanation of the key issues to reach a substantiated and sustained judgement regarding the key concepts.</p>

	<p>High Level 4: 9-10 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge; the answer communicates accurately, clearly and fluently, using appropriate language and structure, using spelling, punctuation and grammar generally with a high degree of accuracy.</p>	<p>High Level 4: 21-22 marks</p> <p>The answer has a focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of a thorough understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and balanced discussion about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer will include specific supporting arguments to reach a substantiated and sustained judgement on the question set. The judgement is substantially supported by the arguments being made in the response. These responses will demonstrate valid analysis and explanation of the key issues to reach a substantiated, supported and sustained judgement regarding the key concepts.</p>
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Level 5

Generally for this level, candidates will show understanding through analysis and explanation to reach a substantiated and fully sustained judgement about the key concepts. They will recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge. Candidates will communicate accurately and fluently using appropriate language and structure, and using spelling, punctuation and grammar with a high degree of accuracy

Level 5	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(11-12 marks)	(23-28 marks)
	<p>Low Level 5: 11 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge. Answers will be fluent and well-organised with a high degree of accuracy in the use of spelling, punctuation and grammar, and showing appropriate language and structure.</p> <p>High Level 5: 12 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge is recalled, selected and deployed. Answers will be lucid and coherent, fluent and well-organised with a high degree of accuracy in the use of spelling, punctuation and grammar and demonstrating appropriate language and structure.</p>	<p>Low Level 5: 23-25 marks</p> <p>The answer has throughout a specific focus on discussing the key concepts in the question set. The answer will include supporting arguments covering most of the period set in the question. Understanding is further shown through well focussed analysis and evaluation of the key features and characteristics of the historical period which leads to a substantiated, sustained and integrated judgement regarding the key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance.</p> <p>High Level 5: 26-28 marks</p> <p>The answer sustains a specific focus on discussing the key concepts in the question set. The answer will include supporting arguments covering the whole of the period set in the question. Understanding is further shown through well focussed analysis and evaluation of the key features and characteristics of the historical period which leads to a substantiated, sustained and integrated judgement regarding the key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance.</p>

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR SECTION A QUESTION 1

NOTE: This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to below. Each answer will be assessed on its merits according to the generic mark scheme as well as the indicative content.

'International relations in the period 1918-1945 were mainly characterised by bitter confrontation and mutual distrust.' Discuss.

Candidates are expected to consider and debate, over and within the given period, the full range of issues that affected the key concept in the question – in this case, the main characteristics of international relations 1918-1945. 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.

Candidates will offer an analysis and evaluation of whether or not international relations in the period were characterised by bitter confrontation and mutual distrust in the context of other characteristics. In order to reach a substantiated judgement about international relations, candidates may consider and debate a range of issues such as:

- the extent to which international relations were characterised by a mood of bitter confrontation and mutual distrust and the tensions arising from Versailles
- Italian and German acts of aggression and some bitter confrontations over Ruhr, Abyssinia, Spain, Rhineland and Munich
- international agreements were also designed with the intention of preventing Russian expansion and the spread of international communism which illustrates distrust of Russia
- international agreements were often aimed at appeasing Italy and Germany which illustrates distrust
- the extent to which a mood of optimism and co-operation dominated the earlier period supporting the principle of collective security
- the desire of each country to secure what was in its best interests whilst at the same time maintaining the balance of power may have been the main tone of international relations
- international relations helped to revise the terms of Versailles and accept Germany into the international community
- the consultative spirit as seen in the Locarno Pact and Kellogg Briand Pact or the Stresa Front and diplomatic stabilisation; the bilateral agreements which occurred and the different objectives which lay behind them in the period
- the idea that rival states could only be frightened into co-operation and trust by the shadow of greater danger and the impact of the Depression.

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR SECTION A QUESTION 2

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To what extent was the post-war division of Germany the main obstacle to greater co-operation in international relations in the period 1945-1989?

Candidates are expected to consider and debate, over and within the given period, the full range of issues that affected the key concept in the question – in this case, the main obstacles to greater co-operation in international relations in this period. 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.

Candidates will offer an analysis and evaluation of the post-war division of Germany in the context of other obstacles to greater co-operation. In order to reach a substantiated judgement about the post-war division of Germany as the main obstacle to greater co-operation, candidates may consider and debate a range of issues such as:

- the legacy of the Second World war and the geographical position of Germany
- the zones of military occupation and the practical problems that this caused
- the Berlin Airlift crisis
- the implication of detente in the 1960s and the relaxation of tensions between the two German states
- the issues over the deployment of Intermediate range missiles in the late 1970s and early 1980s
- containment versus expansion in Europe
- the impact of the threatening and provocative actions of the Soviet Union
- the need for Soviet security through territorial annexations and satellite states
- Potsdam and Yalta had polarised divisions and ideological differences
- Truman's use of Atomic diplomacy and the issue of security
- Western military presence in Germany and German rearmament
- Containment and the Marshall Plan
- the formation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact
- economic rivalries and the EEC
- the growing divergence between international relations particularly East / West in the aftermath of WWII was an expression of more than just military differences over Germany. It had an economic, military, territorial as well as an ideological dimension which provided an obstacle to integration

SECTION B

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Level 2

Generally for this level, candidates will show appropriate evidence of understanding in their explanation of the key concept set in the question. They will show evidence of understanding through limited analysis and explanation. There will be some attempt at an historical overview. They will offer some judgement about the key concepts. They will be able to recall, select and deploy some relevant historical knowledge appropriately. The candidates will convey meaning with some clarity and with appropriate vocabulary, although there may be errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Level 2	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(2-3 marks)	(4-11 marks)
	<p>Low Level 2: 2 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy some general knowledge of the period with appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar although there may be errors seen</p> <p>High Level 2: 3 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy general knowledge of the key issues in the period set with some appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Low Level 2: 4-7 marks</p> <p>The answer will begin to show some evidence of limited analysis and explanation of factors. It will offer some judgement about the relationships between the key issues and features of some of the historical period. The answer will be generally focussed on the topic area and has some basic explanation of something in the question; the answer may well be a narrative account with little attempt to provide a judgement on the question set.</p> <p>High Level 2: 8-11 marks</p> <p>The answer will begin to focus on the set question and will show some limited analysis and explanation of the concept set in the question. It will offer some judgement about the relationship between the key features and characteristics of some of the historical period. There will be some attempt at an historical overview. The answer will be relevant and valid but with a weak or sketchy focus on the key concept in the question; a largely topic based response with little specific judgement offered on the question set.</p>

Level 3

Generally at this level, candidates will show appropriate evidence of understanding through analysis and explanation. There will be some attempt at an historical overview. There will be some attempt to make historical connections and show an appreciation of change and continuity over time. They will reach a judgement about the key concepts supported by the arguments they deploy. They will reach a judgement about the relationships between the key features and characteristics of the period studied. Candidates will recall, select and deploy relevant historical knowledge and will convey meaning clearly and with appropriate vocabulary, organisation and spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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	(4-6 marks)	(12-16 marks)
	<p>Low Level 3: 4 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy some relevant historical knowledge with some appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p>Mid Level 3: 5 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy some relevant historical knowledge with reasonable organisation and with appropriate vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Low Level 3: 12 marks</p> <p>The answer has some focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer some valid discussion, covering some or most of the period set, about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. There will be an attempt at an historical overview. The answer may well be a largely narrative account but there will be some attempt to provide supporting arguments for the judgement made.</p> <p>Mid Level 3: 13-14 marks</p> <p>The answer has an appropriate focus on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid discussion and judgement, covering some or most of the period set, about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. There will be an attempt at an historical overview. The answer may well be a largely narrative account but there will be some attempt to provide supporting arguments for the judgement made.</p>

	<p>High Level 3: 6 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy generally relevant historical knowledge and the response will be clearly expressed with appropriate language and structure and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>High Level 3: 15-16 marks</p> <p>The answer is focussed on the key concept in the question set and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and broadly balanced discussion covering some or most of the period set, about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. There will be a clear attempt at an historical overview. The answer may well contain some narrative but there will be an attempt to provide supporting arguments to reach a broadly balanced judgement on the question set.</p>
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Level 4

Generally for this level, candidates will show understanding through analysis and explanation to reach a substantiated and mostly sustained judgement about the relationships between the key features and characteristics of the period studied. There will be a mostly sustained attempt at an historical overview. There will be a mostly sustained focus to make historical connections and show an appreciation of the complexities of change and continuity, drawing together developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives. They will recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge. Candidates will communicate accurately and fluently using appropriate language, structure, spelling, punctuation and grammar with a high degree of accuracy.

Level 4	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(7-10 marks)	(17-22 marks)
	<p>Low Level 4: 7 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy mostly accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge; the answer shows organisation, appropriate language and structure and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Low Level 4: 17-18 marks</p> <p>The answer has a clear focus on the key concept in the question set, drawing together some developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives, and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and meaningful discussion covering most of the period set about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer will include specific supporting arguments to reach a substantiated judgement on the question set so that the judgement is substantially supported by the arguments being made in the response.</p>
	<p>Mid Level 4: 8 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy mostly accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge; the answer communicates clearly with appropriate language and structure and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Mid Level 4: 19-20 marks</p> <p>The answer has a focus on the key concept in the question set, drawing together developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives, and is able to show evidence of understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and balanced discussion covering most or all of the period set about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer will include specific supporting arguments to reach a substantiated and sustained judgement on the question set. The judgement is substantially supported by the arguments being made in the response.</p>

	<p>High Level 4: 9-10 marks</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge; the answer communicates accurately, clearly and fluently, using appropriate language and structure, using spelling, punctuation and grammar generally with a high degree of accuracy.</p>	<p>High Level 4: 21-22 marks</p> <p>These responses will reach a mostly substantiated, supported and sustained judgement regarding the key concepts. The answer has a focus on the key concept in the question set, drawing together developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives and is able to show evidence of a thorough understanding by valid analysis and explanation. The candidate is able to offer a valid and balanced discussion covering most or all of the period set about the relationships between key features and characteristics in relation to the key concept set in the question such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance. The answer will include specific supporting arguments to reach a mostly substantiated and sustained judgement on the question set. The judgement is substantially supported by the arguments being made in the response.</p>
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Level 5

Generally for this level, candidates will show understanding through analysis and explanation to reach a substantiated and fully sustained judgement about the relationships between the key features and characteristics of the period studied. Candidates will use an evaluative synoptic approach which draws together developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives, as appropriate. There will be a fully sustained focus on providing an historical overview, to make historical connections and show an appreciation of the complexities of change and continuity throughout the full period set. Candidates will recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge. Candidates will communicate accurately and lucidly using appropriate language, structure, spelling, punctuation and grammar with a high degree of accuracy.

Level 5	Assessment Objective 1(a)	Assessment Objective 1(b)
	(11-12 marks)	(23-28 marks)
	<p>Low Level 5: 11 marks The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge. Answers will be fluent and well-organised with a high degree of accuracy in the use of spelling, punctuation and grammar, and showing appropriate language and structure.</p> <p>High Level 5: 12 marks The candidate is able to recall, select and deploy accurate, relevant and precise historical knowledge is recalled, selected and deployed. Answers will be lucid and coherent, fluent and well-organised with a high degree of accuracy in the use of spelling, punctuation and grammar and demonstrating appropriate language and structure.</p>	<p>Low Level 5: 23-25 marks The answer has throughout a specific focus on discussing the key concept in the question set, drawing together developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives. Understanding is shown through well focussed analysis and evaluation of the key concepts, such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance, which leads to a substantiated and sustained judgement regarding the set question. The answer will include supporting arguments covering change and continuity and other key characteristics and concepts to reach a substantiated and sustained judgement covering most of the period set.</p> <p>High Level 5: 26-28 marks The answer has throughout a specific focus on discussing the key concept in the question set, drawing together developments from across the period study and from across a range of different perspectives. Understanding is shown through well focussed analysis and evaluation of the key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance, which leads to a substantiated and sustained judgement regarding the set question. The answer will include supporting arguments covering change and continuity and other key characteristics and concepts within the period set to reach a highly substantiated and sustained judgement. The response offers a meaningful discussion of the key issue in the question and comes to a balanced judgement that is sustained and integrated; fully focussed on the key issue in the question and covering the full period set.</p>

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR SECTION B QUESTION 1

NOTE: This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to below. Each answer will be assessed on its merits according to the generic mark scheme as well as the indicative content.

‘Changes in political leadership had the most significant influence upon the development of Germany 1878-1989.’ How far do you agree with this judgement?

Candidates are expected to analyse, evaluate and explain over and within the given period, the interconnections and relationships between the full range of key features and issues that affected the key concept in the question – in this case the influence of changes in political leadership on the development of Germany. This will include a range of historical perspectives and key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance, as appropriate. In order to reach a substantiated judgement, candidates should discuss and debate the extent to which there was continuity as well as change during and over this period.

Candidates will be required to consider the relationship between the main themes, key features, influences and characteristics which affected the development of Germany 1878-1989.

In order to reach a substantiated judgement about whether changes in political leadership were the most significant influence on the development of Germany 1878-1989, candidates will be required to discuss the extent, pace and rate of change in economic changes as well as continuity over and within the set period.

Candidates may consider some of these issues, historical perspectives, key characteristics and themes in their discussion:

- the impact made by changes in political leadership across the whole period
- the contribution of the Kaiser Wilhelm II and his more active role in government and the collapse of the Bismarckian system
- the impact of the political leadership of the Weimar Republic
- the breakthrough of National Socialism in an era of political instability and the development of centralised authority
- how and why East Germany and West Germany developed differently following the Second World War
- political leadership and its impact upon the destiny of the German people and the country itself.
- the expansion of the Third Reich and the drive of the FDR
- the relative importance of economic problems which led to changes in political leadership affecting the development of Germany
- the industrialisation of Germany which turned Germany into a modern and dynamic state
- the impact of economic changes upon the political development of Germany
- the extent to which other influences were significant over the period, such as economic depression, nationalism or territorial ambition
- the relative importance of changes in political leadership which meant that the personal power of individual leaders and the weaknesses of their political systems had the greatest impact on the development of Germany
- the balance between influences such as the fact that political leadership led to economic development, which in turn led to the growth in military power and resulted in war.

INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR SECTION B QUESTION 2

NOTE: This content is not prescriptive and candidates are not expected to mention all the material referred to below. Each answer will be assessed on its merits according to the generic mark scheme as well as the indicative content.

To what extent was the desire for territorial expansion the most important influence on the development of Russia in the period 1881-1989?

Candidates are expected to analyse, evaluate and explain over and within the given period, the interconnections and relationships between the full range of key features and issues that affected the key concept in the question – in this case the factors that influenced the development of Russia 1881-1989. This will include a range of historical perspectives and key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance, as appropriate. In order to reach a substantiated judgement, candidates should discuss and debate the extent to which there was continuity as well as change during and over this period.

In order to reach a substantiated judgement about whether the desire for territorial expansion was the most important influence on the development of Russia in this period, candidates may consider some of these issues, historical perspectives, key characteristics and themes in their discussion:

- the impact made by the desire for territorial expansion across the whole period
- different attitudes of government to territorial expansion from the Tsarist regime through to communist leadership
- Russian ambition in the Balkans persisted motivated by a familiar blend of security and prestige.
- to this was added the extra spice of Pan-Slavism and Russian penetration into Asia.
- the fear of Communism after 1917
- the ideas of world Socialism added another dimension to territorial ambition
- the desire for expansion into eastern Europe after 1945
- the impact of modernisation and reform as opposed to conservatism
- Brezhnev and the mixture of old and new with Gorbachev;
- the balance between different influences on Russian development political change and terror, cultural change, the impact of war and economic development
- whether economic factors were the main influence upon the development of Russia
- repression and brutality had just as much an influence on the development of Russia in the period
- the desire for territorial expansion was determined by political leadership and was likely to have the greatest influence upon the development of Russia because it affected the whole population in both a positive and a negative way
- the extent to which the desire for territorial expansion became a by-product or a tool of government