



## **GCE MARK SCHEME (LEGACY)**

**SUMMER 2016**

**HISTORY - UNIT HY4  
DEPTH STUDY 8  
THE CRISIS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC  
c. 1848-1877**

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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**

**Distribution of marks within each level for each question, explaining the weighting for each assessment objective.**

	<b>AO1a</b>	<b>AO1b</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	1 mark	1-3 marks	4
<b>Level 2</b>	2-3 marks	4-11 marks	14
<b>Level 3</b>	4-6 marks	12-16 marks	22
<b>Level 4</b>	7-10 marks	17-22 marks	32
<b>Level 5</b>	11-12 marks	23-28 marks	40

**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

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)
	<p>(1 mark)</p> <p>The candidate is able to recall some historical knowledge and there is some accuracy in spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>(1-3 marks)</p> <p><b>Low Level 1: 1 mark</b></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><b>High Level 1: 2 -3 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 2: 2 marks</b></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><b>High Level 2: 3 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 2: 4-7 marks</b></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><b>High Level 2: 8-11 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 3: 4 marks</b></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><b>Mid Level 3: 5 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 3: 12 marks</b></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><b>Mid Level 3: 13-14 marks</b></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><b>High Level 3: 6 marks</b></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><b>High Level 3: 15-16 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 4: 7 marks</b></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><b>Mid Level 4: 8 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 4: 17-18 marks</b></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><b>Mid Level 4: 19-20 marks</b></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><b>High Level 4: 9-10 marks</b></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><b>High Level 4: 21-22 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 5: 11 marks</b></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><b>High Level 5: 12 marks</b></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><b>Low Level 5: 23-25 marks</b></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><b>High Level 5: 26-28 marks</b></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 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.*

### **“Abraham Lincoln’s victory in the 1864 Presidential election was his most outstanding achievement”. 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, Lincoln's victory in the 1864 Presidential election. They will consider a range of key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance where appropriate and also the relationship between key characteristics and features associated with the issue in the question.

Candidates will offer an analysis and evaluation of whether victory in the election of 1864 was Lincoln's most outstanding achievement. In order to reach a substantiated judgement about whether the 1864 election was Lincoln's most outstanding achievement, candidates should discuss and debate a range of issues such as:

- in 1864 Lincoln was very pessimistic about his chances of winning. Heavy casualties were having an impact on morale and the war seemed far from won. War weariness was a factor three years in and the Democrats had chosen McClellan as their candidate
- nevertheless Lincoln's achievement in 1864 was remarkable. He swept the board with crucial majorities in the Army vote which was highly significant and also in nearly all Northern states. Sherman's victory in Atlanta came at an opportune moment as did Sheridan's success in the Shenandoah. The divisions in the Democrat party about negotiating with the South also helped. But it was an overwhelming endorsement of Lincoln's leadership in war and his victory sealed the fate of the Confederacy.
- Lincoln's achievement in becoming a national figure in the 1850s with the debates on the extension of slavery could also be seen as outstanding in the debates with Douglas, securing the Republican nomination at Chicago in 1860 and winning the 1860 election.
- his actions in responding to secession could be interpreted as saving the USA as a nation. He never wavered in his determination to resist secession if necessary by force but it was a firmness tempered by moderation as was seen in his first inaugural address and his treatment of the border-states.
- the management of the emancipation issue is bound to be debated as an achievement .By nineteenth century US standards Lincoln was a liberal on the issue even if his views on Black Americans would be regarded as racist today. He was associated with the idea of colonisation for a long time.
- Lincoln's caution on the issue was revealed in his dealings with General Fremont who had issued his own proclamation in Missouri in 1861.
- having secured the loyalty of the border- states Lincoln moved in 1862 to link emancipation with military success. His careful handling of the slavery and emancipation issues proved to be very effective in not only securing the loyalty of the border- states but also crafting a war-winning policy on emancipation and reconstruction. His attempts to reassure the south in the first few months of his presidency showed common sense and realism.
- as the war progressed Lincoln moved to a more radical stance evidenced by his support for the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment and moderate reconstruction in the south. Whether he would have handled reconstruction more adroitly than Johnson and Grant did will never be known.
- his massive achievement as a leader, in both military and political directions, 1861-65 has to be weighed in the balance on this. Of course the 1864 election was important but it can be argued his most substantial achievements had already been made.

## INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR 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 failure of Reconstruction mainly caused by the opposition of white southerners?**

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 causes of 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.

Candidates will offer an analysis and evaluation of whether the opposition of white southerners was mainly responsible for the failure of Reconstruction. In order to reach a substantiated judgement about the failure of Reconstruction, candidates should discuss and debate a range of issues such as:

- the Ku Klux Klan and its campaign of intimidation in the South
- white resistance to political rule of the new Republican governments was strong but there were other factors in the demise of Reconstruction
- the economic failure underpinned much of what happened. In particular the cotton glut after 1873 did enormous damage to the southern economy from which arguably it never recovered. The Republican governments attracted widespread criticism for the economic downturn and excessive investment in railways.
- corruption was a major issue, particularly in the Freedman's Bureau, and the new governments never shook off their tarnished image
- the failure of the Grant administration to sustain its opposition to the KKK was important and the failure in Mississippi in 1875 was in many respects the final nail in the coffin of Reconstruction. The general malaise affecting the last years of Grant's second term did much to undermine Reconstruction.
- the failure to guarantee black civil rights especially voting rights was crucial
- factionalism and internal squabbles in the southern Republican party
- the failure to adopt radical social and economic policies to gain the support of poorer white classes was significant.
- reconstruction came to an inglorious end with the restoration of Democrat state governments and the horse trading over the result of the 1876 presidential election.