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Introduction

Centres and candidates are once again to be congratulated for their performance this series as examiners reported that the majority of candidates understood the essential requirements of the Unit 2 examination with the different focus of the two parts of the question. In an examination in which the majority of candidates were re-taking the examination paper, there were many impressive answers to be seen and relatively fewer weaker answers than has been the norm in the past.

In part A, the majority of candidates did attempt to cross reference the sources in their answer, although this was developed with varying degrees of success and for some this amounted to merely asserting that the sources either agree or disagree without explaining how they have arrived at this conclusion. Answers of this type are unlikely to have moved beyond level

2. There were a number of candidates who did not consider the provenance of the sources and this meant that they could not advance very far in the mark scheme. There were also proportionately more candidates than in the past who spent considerable amounts of time elucidating their answer with own knowledge - this cannot be credited in this question. Indeed those candidates would have gained more credit if they had focused on cross referencing, a consideration of provenance linked to the arguments and judgements. There were certain stock phrases that were used by some candidates e.g. taken as a set; this is only appropriate if that is what the candidate is doing. In too many cases, the phrase was not accompanied by the action.

In part B, there were a number of candidates who relied primarily on the material in the sources. There were also a number of candidates who demonstrated some range and depth of knowledge that could be applied to the part B questions. The best answers used the sources to shape the argument and raise issues which were supported and developed with the use of detailed and specific own knowledge. It continues to be the case that despite comments in previous examiners' reports for all recent exam series regarding the focus of AO2b, candidates continue to comment to a greater or lesser extent on provenance in their responses to part B in this exam series. Such comments are frequently very generic e.g. the historian can be trusted because they have the

benefit of hindsight (or they cannot be trusted because they were not an eye witness to the event). In any event, such comments, even if well developed, generally do not contribute to AO2b, which is what is being tested in part B. Some candidates spend an excessive amount of time on this and they would do well to develop their arguments in relation to the question, rather than write whole paragraphs on provenance which can earn no credit under AO2b.

Candidates should take care that they can spell technical words and significant names correctly, especially when those words and names form part of the question or the sources. Where candidates have a few minutes left at the end of the exam, they would be well advised to check their work.

The candidates' performance on individual questions is considered in the next section.

Q1a

Most candidates were able to use the sources to good effect and there were no significant issues arising with their use. There were many impressive answers on display with candidates who demonstrated an ability to engage in developed cross referencing and engage with the attribution to reach reasoned arguments about the weight that the sources could bear. It was deemed noteworthy that across the full range of answers, many candidates engaged with both parts of the quote and thus considered 'unnecessary' as well as 'hardships'. A number of candidates did not make full use of Source 1, tending to see it as only offering the counter argument, whereas there were criticisms regarding the shortcomings of army leadership that could be inferred from it. There were a minority of candidates who used extensive amounts of own knowledge to write a general essay. Such material could not be credited as it does not meet the requirements of the question.

Example script

Whilst there is some repetition in this response, it is clear that there is also a range of developed cross referencing, some consideration of provenance and some judgements reached. Therefore this answer does reach the benchmark for level 4 work.

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Example script

This response is heavily dependent on the sources for its material, but it does argue validly from them and supports that argument with a limited range of own knowledge. For this reason, the answer is worthy of level 3 in both assessment objectives. The response appears to have run out of time as there is no clear conclusion to the essay.

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Both questions tended to attract similar numbers of candidates. Whilst there were impressively well-structured answers that addressed the question and were able to use a wide range of contextual knowledge in this centenary year to support their arguments, there were also a number of disappointing responses. In such answers, candidates often relied very heavily on the content of the sources. Other weaker responses frequently failed to engage with the actual focus of the question and described aspects of war that had little direct relevance for this question. Despite the fact that the issue of addressing AO2b has been referred to in numerous Principal Examiners' reports, there remain a number of candidates who discuss, sometimes at great length, the provenance of the secondary sources. There is no credit to be gained for this under AO2b.

Example script

This is a mixed response with both strengths and weaknesses. There is a clear line of argument and analysis that does engage with the question focus and has some relevant supporting own knowledge.

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Q 2a

The very best answers were able to link their cross referencing and discussion securely to the focus of the question, namely the effectiveness of Emmeline Pankhurst's leadership. Such answers generally explored what is meant by an 'effective leader' and how some seemingly negative traits might be desirable when in charge of an organisation. Most candidates, however, tended simply to cross reference the views held about Emmeline Pankhurst by the various sources. Most candidates discussed the provenance of the sources, although a significant number did not discuss all the sources. There were a minority of candidates who used extensive amounts of own knowledge to write a general essay. Such material could not be credited as it does not meet the requirements of the question.

Example script

This response begins with some valid cross referencing and consideration of provenance, but loses its focus and begins to engage in generalisations. It has done sufficient to achieve level 3, but would need more development of relevant points to move beyond this.

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Q2bi

This was significantly less popular than the other question in this option. Responses to this question were often either weaker by virtue of a reliance on the content of the sources and limited supporting own knowledge, or excellent because of their effective use of the sources to create an argument that was supported by impressive own knowledge. Despite the fact that the issue of addressing AO2b has been referred to in numerous Principal Examiners' reports, there remain a number of candidates who discuss, sometimes at great length, the provenance of the secondary sources. There is no credit to be gained for this under AO2b.

Example script

This response clearly sets up an argument that is derived from the material in the sources and is able to support this argument with precise own knowledge. For this reason, this answer scores level 4 in both assessment objectives.

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This was the more popular question. Most candidates acknowledged that the question required a consideration of the 1928 legislation and were able to reference this in their response. Whilst the sources were generally well understood and used, there were a minority of candidates who did not appreciate that Source 18 was setting up an argument in order to challenge it and took the comments in the first part of the source at face value as the beliefs of the author. Despite the fact that the issue of addressing AO2b has been referred to in numerous Principal Examiners' reports, there remain a number of candidates who discuss, sometimes at great length, the provenance of the secondary sources. There is no credit to be gained for this under AO2b.

Example script

Although this answer largely deals with the years up to 1918, there is some acknowledgment of the fact that the question asks candidates to go up to 1928, so combined with its attempts at analysis and its supporting knowledge,, this answer scores level 3/4 margins for AO1. For AO2, the answer makes use of the sources, but does not fully develop arguments from this and is therefore level 3.

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Based on their performance on this paper, candidates are offered the following advice:

All Questions

- 1. Candidates should proof read their answers at the end of the examination, and correct any instances where they have incorrectly labelled a source, used the wrong names or the wrong dates.
- 2. Too many candidates use certain phrases, such as 'using the sources as a set', as a substitute for actually engaging in the task that they are claiming.
- 3. Engaging with the sources needs to go beyond accepting the content at face value and to test it for validity considering provenance in part a and by testing the opinions in part b with knowledge set in the context of the period.

Part A

- 1. Candidates should spend sufficient time reading the sources to ensure that they understand the nuances of the arguments presented.
- 2. Candidates should treat the sources as a package in order to facilitate cross referencing. Weaker candidates work though sources sequentially. Such responses cannot go beyond level 2
- 3. Provenance should be integrated within the argument and decisions need to be made on the relative strengths and weaknesses of the sources. The attributes of the sources should be discussed, not described. This aids the use of provenance as part of the argument. Candidates should avoid making stereotypical comments about the provenance that could apply to any source and avoid labelling a source as both reliable and unreliable and thus negating any conclusions drawn. The key to a successful response is the ability to weigh the sources to reach a final judgement.
- 4. The best responses cross reference not only the content of the sources, but also their provenance. This enables candidates to weigh the sources and reach supported judgements.
- 5. There are no marks available for knowledge in part a. Candidates should avoid arguing from their knowledge since it cannot be credited and often impacts on the amount of time they have available to complete part b.

Part B

- 1. Candidates need to ensure that their subject knowledge conforms to the specification. Weaker responses usually relied very heavily on information derived primarily from the sources.
- In order to address the question effectively, candidates need to offer an analysis
 driven by the arguments raised in the sources. Sources should be used to develop
 lines of argument and reasoning rather than used for information to develop a
 descriptive answer
- 3. Whilst it may be relevant to use the provenance of the contemporary source(s) to judge the weight that can be assigned to the argument, there is no such requirement for the secondary sources and it is not rewarded in A02b. Many candidates still engage in generalised comments that a particular historian is or is not reliable at the expense of developing argument and analysis tested by specific own knowledge.
- 4. Candidates need to ensure that they are aware of the focus of the question and the time period specified and that they maintain the focus throughout their answer, to avoid straying into irrelevant areas that cannot be rewarded.