

GCE History 2008

Specification Overview

New GCE History from September 2008.

-Four units instead of 6

AS Level (8HI01)

Unit 1 (Available Jan and Jun)

Unit 2 (Available Jan and Jun)

A2 Level (9HI01)

Unit 3 (Available Jun)

Unit 4 (Available Jan and Jun)

RESITTING:

- no restriction on the number of times a unit can be attempted prior to claiming certification for the qualification.
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AS Unit 1 Historical Themes in Breadth (50% AS) 25% total

6HI01

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Externally assessed

6 options, 1 - 7 topics in each; study two topics from one option:

Option A- England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

- Topics A1- A7

Option B- Power, Belief and Conflict in Early Modern Europe

- Topics B1 - B7

Option C- The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation

- Topics C1 - C7

Option D- A World Divided: Communism & Democracy in the 20th Century

- Topics D1 - D7

Option E*- The Expansion and Challenge of Nationalism

- Topics E1 - E6

Option F** - The Expansion and Challenge of Nationalism

- Topics F1 - F7

**E & F are identical except F includes additional topic (F7).*

Unit 1 Option F is prohibited in combination with Unit 3 Topic D1

Availability: Jan and June

First Assessment: Jan 09

AS Unit 2 British History Depth Studies (50% AS) 25% total

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Externally assessed

-study period of British history

-5 options, 2 topics in each option; study one topic from one option:

Option A- Early Modern British History: Crown and Authority. (Topics A1 & A2)

Option B- British Political History in the 19th Century (Topics B1 & B2)

Option C- Conflict and Change in 19th and 20th Century Britain (Topics C1 & C2)

Option D- The British Empire Challenged (Topics D1 & D2)

Option E- Britain in the Later 20th Century: Responding to Change (Topics E1 & E2)

Availability: Jan and June

First Assessment: Jan 09

**A2 Unit 3 Depth Studies and Associated Historical Controversies (60% A2) 30% total
6HI03**

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Externally assessed

-5 options, 2 topics in each option; study **one** topic from **one** option:

Option A- Revolution and Conflict in England (Topics A1 & A2)

Option B- Politics, Protest and Revolution (Topics B1 & B2)

Option C- The United States: Challenged and Transformed (Topics C1 & C2)

Option D- The Challenge of Fascism (Topics D1* & D2)

Option E- War and Peace: 20th Century International Relations (Topics E1 & E2)

** Unit 3 Option D1 not allowed with Unit 1 Option F - can however do Unit 1 Option E*

Availability: June

First Assessment: June 2010

**A2 Unit 4 Historical Enquiry (40% A2) 20% total
6HI04**

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Internally assessed - externally moderated

Availability: Jan and June

First Assessment: Jan 2010

Complete an assignment in **two** parts:

-**Part A**; enquiry in depth into the short-term significance of a key event/individual within period the of study.

-**Part B**; set the chosen event/individual in a broader context, exploring the process of change within the wider timeframe.

-Each part is equally weighted within the marks allocated.

-Max word length 4000 words.

-Advised to devote approximately 2000 words to each part of the assignment.

Edexcel Designed Coursework Programmes:

45 Edexcel designed coursework programmes available (*Pages 71-91*)

-Full programmes included in Getting Started guide.

-Using these does not require prior approval.

-There are prohibited combinations in place to ensure no overlap between units 1, 2 & 3.

Teachers wishing to design their own coursework programmes:

It is no longer necessary for centres seeking approval for their own coursework programmes to attend a coursework INSET event, as stated on pages 64 of the specification and page 65 of the Getting Started Guide for GCE History.

Centres that wish to design their own coursework programmes must fill in and submit to Edexcel a Coursework Approval Form. The form should be emailed to Edexcel via the 'Ask the Expert' service to: gce2008history@edexcelexperts.co.uk. This electronic approval process will be faster and easier for centres to manage.

Edexcel Designed Coursework Programme Titles

	Programme	Forbidden Combinations
Ancient & Medieval History	CW1 Roman Britain	
	CW2 Continuity & Change in Anglo-Saxon England	
	CW3 Islam & the Creation of an Islamic Civilisation	
	CW4 Medieval Medicine	
	CW5 Crusading Europe	
Early modern British & European History	CW6 The Golden Age of Spain	
	CW7 Rebellion & Disorder in Tudor England	Unit 1, Topic A7 Unit 2, Topic A1 Unit 3, Topic A1
	CW8 The changing role of parliament in England	Unit 2, Topic A2 Unit 3, Topic A1
	CW9 The Ascendancy of France	
	<i>*EXTENDED</i> CW10 Challenge & Rebellion in Tudor & Stuart England	Unit 2, Topic A1 and A2 (Part A restriction - see page 79 of Specification) Unit 3, Topic A1 Unit 3, Topic A2
Modern British History	CW11 Crown, Parliament and people in Britain	Unit 3, Topic B2
	CW12 British Foreign Policy	Unit 1, Topic C2 Unit 1, Topic C4 Unit 1, Topic C5
	CW13 The impact of industrialisation in Britain	Unit 3, Topic B2
	CW14 Challenging Authority: corresponding societies to trade unions	Unit 2, Topic B1 Unit 3, Topic B2
	CW15 Defending great power status, British foreign policy	Unit 3, Topic E1
	CW16 Ireland and the Union	Unit 2, Topic D1
	CW17 The Conservative Party	Unit 2, Topic B1
	CW18 The state and the poor	Unit 2, Topic B2
	CW19 Representation and democracy in Britain	Unit 2, Topic B1 Unit 2, Topic C2
	CW20 Crime & Punishment in Britain	
	CW21 Britain & India	Unit 2, Topic D2
	CW22 The changing role of Women	Unit 2, Topic C2
	CW23 Colonisation & Decolonisation in Africa	Unit 1, Topic C6 Unit 1, Topic C7
	CW24 Medicine in Britain	Unit 2, Topic C1 Unit 3, Topic D2
	CW25 Protest, Challenge & Reform in Britain	Unit 2, Topic C2
	<i>*EXTENDED</i> CW26 Riot, protest and organisation challenges to authority	Unit 2, Topic B1 (Part A restriction - see page 86 of Specification) Unit 3, Topic B2

<i>*EXTENDED</i>	CW27 Challenging authority, from corresponding societies to poll tax	Unit 2, Topic B1 and C2 (Part A restriction - see page 87 of Specification) Unit 3, Topic B2
<i>*EXTENDED</i>	CW28 The state and the poor, public health, welfare and the relief of poverty	Unit 2, Topic B2 (Part A restriction - see page 87 of Specification)
<i>*EXTENDED</i>	CW29 Ireland and the Union	Unit 2, Topic D1 (Part A restriction - see page 88 of Specification)
Modern European & World Modern History	CW30 Autocracy, expansion and enlightenment	
	CW31 Autocracy and Enlightenment in Europe	
	CW32 India, from Mughal empire to the British Raj	Unit 1, Topic C4
	CW33 Tsarist Russia	
	CW34 The making of modern Germany	Unit 1, Topic E2/F2
	CW35 The making of modern Italy	Unit 1, Topic E1/F1
	CW36 The USA, the making of a nation	Unit 3, Topic C1
	CW37 The changing nature of warfare	Unit 2, Topic C1 Unit 3, Topic E1
	CW38 The making of modern Russia	Unit 1, Topic D3 Unit 1, Topic D4
	CW39 The USA from reconstruction to civil rights	Unit 1, Topic D5 Unit 3, Topic C2
	CW40 20 th Century International Relations	Unit 3, Topic D2 Unit 3, Topic E1 Unit 3, Topic E2
	CW41 Germany united and divided	Unit 1, Topic E5/F5 Unit 1, Topic F7 Unit 3, Topic D1
	CW42 The making of modern China	Unit 1, Topic D1 Unit 1, Topic D2
	CW43 The Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict	Unit 1, Topic E6/F6
<i>*EXTENDED</i>	CW44 Expansion conflict and civil rights in the USA	Unit 1, Topic D5 (Part A restriction - see page 94 of Specification) Unit 3, Topic C1 Unit 3, Topic C2
<i>*EXTENDED</i>	CW45 Dictatorship and revolution in Russia & the Soviet Union	Unit 1, Topic D3 and D4 (Part A restriction - see page 95 of Specification)

NB: Codes CW1-CW45 are for reference only. There is **only one** entry code for all.