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**Annotations**

<b>Annotation</b>	<b>Meaning of annotation</b>
<b>BP</b>	Blank Page
	Highlight
Off-page comment	
<b>A</b>	Assertion
<b>AN</b>	Analysis
<b>EVAL</b>	Evaluation
<b>EXP</b>	Explanation
<b>F</b>	Factor
<b>ILL</b>	Illustrates/Describes
<b>IRRL</b>	Irrelevant, a significant amount of material that does not answer the question
<b>J</b>	Judgement
<b>KU</b>	Knowledge and understanding
<b>P</b>	Provenance
<b>SC</b>	Simple comment
	Unclear
<b>V</b>	View

## Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	<p><b>Using these four sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the well-being of children was the main aim of education and young people’s reforms during the period from 1902 to 1918.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source A does support the view</b>, answers might argue that the evidence suggests other aims.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source A does not support the view</b>, answers might argue that the aim was for secondary schools to support other institutions such as technical institutions. Answers might argue that the priority was to establish a system that would enable Britain to compete with America and Germany.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source A</b>, answers might point out that the PM was trying to bolster support for the bill.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source A</b>, answers might explain that secondary education was optional at the time. Answers might explain the economic strength of the USA and Germany.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source B does support the view</b>, answers might explain that the author complains that the health of children in London was a concern.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source B does not support the view</b>, answers might explain that the priority was, in fact, to increase the efficiency of the person as a worker and a citizen.</li> </ul>	30	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above, there will be judgement about the issue in the question.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements they must be supported by accurate and relevant material.</li> <li>• At Level 4 and below, answers may be simply a list of which sources support or challenge the view in the question.</li> <li>• Knowledge must not be credited in isolation; it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the sources, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source B,</b> answers might argue that as the author was a medical inspector.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source B,</b> answers might explain something of the details of the Education Act of 1902. Answers might explain that, only 5% had a basic schooling, despite the Act, as family incomes were low and work was more important than education for many. There might also be reference to the 1906 act that provided free school meals for needy children.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source C does support the view,</b> answers might argue that children needed protection from a range of dangerous situations</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source C.</b> Answers might argue it was a Police notice and its purpose was to warn parents and tobacconists of the new penalties.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source C,</b> answers might explain that , despite the weaknesses, the Children’s Charter was the first time any government had intervened so dramatically.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source D does support the view,</b> answers might point out that equality of educational opportunity is specifically mentioned as the aim of the Act. Answers might stress the compulsory leaving age as a measure that affected everyone. Answers might explain that the Act aimed to provide for the handicapped. Answers might explain that the provision of the best teachers was in line with providing equality of opportunity. Answers might see the process of consultation as a way of achieving equality of opportunity.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how far Source D does not</b></li> </ul>		
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	<p><b>support the view</b>, answers might explain that there was a political aim to strengthen democracy (implying that educated electorate was necessary). Answers might say education reform was needed to make good the losses of war. Answers might argue that one of the reasons for setting a minimum leaving age was to reduce child labour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source D</b>, answers might say that the author, as a member of the Rowntree Trust, was committed to improving the lot of the disadvantaged.</li><li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source D</b>, answers might comment on the ravages of war and the need for renewal. Answers might make a link with the pledge to make England a home for heroes. Answers may refer to some of the findings of the Rowntree Trust to highlight the need for reform.</li></ul>		
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2*	<p><b>Assess the impact of foreign affairs on domestic government during the period 1929 to 1939.</b></p> <p><b>In assessing the impact of the Great Depression,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that it led to the creation of the National Government.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might explain</b> how economic problems led to public works schemes.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might explain</b> how the government faced and dealt with popular unrest (e.g Jarrow March).</li> </ul> <p><b>In assessing the impact of fascist aggression (especially events in Germany),</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might explain</b> how popular opinion was strongly opposed to intervention abroad which, in part, led governments to adopt a policy of appeasement.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might explain</b> how this encouraged government to check right wing movements.</li> </ul> <p><b>In assessing the impact of events in Spain,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> how government reacted to the support of volunteers to the International Brigades and the activities of communists in the UK.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might explain</b> how the involvement of Germany, Italy and USSR led to the policy of non-intervention.</li> </ul> <p><b>In assessing the impact of events in 1939 and the outbreak of war,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the change in foreign policy.</li> </ul>	20	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates will focus on the relative importance of different foreign affairs but at Level 4 may simply list factors.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above, there will be judgements as to the relative importance of foreign affairs.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the impact of affairs.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions.</li> <li>• Knowledge must not be credited in isolation; it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the sources, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>

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3*	<p><b>‘The impact of the Second World War on the civilian population of Britain was greatest on women.’ How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In assessing that the impact was greatest on women,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the emotional and psychological impact of their menfolk being away at war and their children being evacuated.</li> <li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the challenges presented by food shortages and rationing, which began in January 1940.</li> <li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the opportunities for employment in jobs previously reserved for men, and in some cases getting improved wages to match the demands of their work (eg in munitions).</li> <li>• <b>Answers may discuss</b> the hostility women in the workplace (factories or as Land Girls) experienced from men (and sometimes other women) who felt their jobs and positions threatened by these developments.</li> <li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the opportunities to serve in the different armed services (e.g. the ATA – Air Transport Auxiliary; the WAAF etc) or the SOE.</li> <li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the greater freedom that women were able to enjoy as traditional roles began to be modified and as they earned more money, worked and lived away from home etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>In assessing that the greatest impact was elsewhere,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers may discuss</b> the effect of the Blitz on all</li> </ul>	20	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. Both features that support the hypothesis and features that challenge the hypothesis are detailed.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates will focus on ‘how far’ but at Level 4 may simply list factors.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above, there will be judgements as to the extent to which the impact was, or was not, greatest on women.</li> <li>• At higher levels, candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the relative impact of the war.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions.</li> <li>• Knowledge must not be credited in isolation; it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the sources, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>



	<p>civilians, including the blackout, problems of transport and communications etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the impact of rationing which provided many poor children with far healthier diets than they had previously enjoyed (daily milk, orange juice, cod liver oil) but which often made diets limited and uninteresting.</li><li>• <b>Answers may discuss how</b> the war began to change attitudes towards government involvement in people's daily lives as it ensured that there was a degree of uniformity of treatment (e.g. royal family had ration cards too).</li><li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> that such changing attitudes paved the way for the Beveridge Report and the changes that it advocated.</li><li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> that the impact differed markedly between urban (particularly industrial urban) areas and the countryside.</li><li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the impact on evacuees, some of whom had very unpleasant experiences in their placements.</li><li>• <b>Answers may consider</b> the issue of crime, especially in the cities, and of the Black Market.</li></ul>		
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APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>AO2: Analyse and evaluate appropriate source materials, primary and/or contemporary to the period, within its historical context.</i>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section A, Question 1: How far do the four sources support the view? [30]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 26–30 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question throughout. The sources are fully evaluated, using both provenance and detailed and accurate knowledge of their historical context in a balanced way, in order to engage with the sources and reach a convincing, fully supported analysis of them in relation to the issue in the question.
<b>Level 5</b> 21–25 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question. The sources are evaluated, using both provenance and relevant knowledge of their historical context, in order to engage with the sources and reach a supported analysis of them in relation to the issue in the question. There may be some imbalance in the analysis between use of provenance and use of knowledge.
<b>Level 4</b> 16–20 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. The sources are evaluated, using both provenance and generally relevant knowledge of their historical context, in order to engage with the sources and produce an analysis of them in relation to the question. The use of provenance may not be developed.
<b>Level 3</b> 11–15 marks	The answer is partially focused on the question. There is partial evaluation of the sources, with use of some knowledge of their historical context, in order to engage with the sources and produce a partial analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 2</b> 6–10 marks	The answer has only limited focus on the question. Evaluation of the sources is very general. There is limited use of generalised knowledge of historical context to engage with the sources and produce a basic analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 1</b> 1–5 marks	This answer is on the wider topic area, but not on the detail of the question. The sources are evaluated in a very basic way, primarily being used as a source of information with understanding of them being only partial. A very generalised knowledge of historical context is used in a very limited way to engage with the sources and to attempt a very simple analysis of them in relation to the question.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding or reference to the sources.

	<i>AO1: 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.</i>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section B, Questions 2 and 3: Essay [20]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 17–20 marks	There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. Accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated throughout the answer and is consistently evaluated and analysed in order to reach substantiated, developed and sustained judgements. There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.
<b>Level 5</b> 13–16 marks	There is a mostly consistent focus on the question. Generally accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated through most of the answer and is evaluated and analysed in order to reach substantiated judgements, but these are not consistently well-developed. There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured. The information presented is relevant and in the most part substantiated.
<b>Level 4</b> 10–12 marks	The question is generally addressed. Generally accurate and sometimes detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated through most of the answer with evaluation and some analysis, and this is used appropriately to support the judgements that are made. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.
<b>Level 3</b> 7–9 marks	The question is partially addressed. There is demonstration of some relevant knowledge and understanding, which is evaluated and analysed in parts of the answer, but in places knowledge is imparted rather than being used. The analysis is appropriately linked to the judgements made, though the way in which it supports the judgements may not always be made explicit. The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure. The information is supported by limited evidence.
<b>Level 2</b> 4–6 marks	The focus is more on the topic than the specific demands of the question. Knowledge and understanding is limited and not well used, with only limited evaluation and analysis, which is only sometimes linked appropriately to the judgements made. The information has some relevance, but is communicated in an unstructured way. The information is supported by limited evidence and the relationship to the evidence may not be clear.
<b>Level 1</b> 1–3 marks	The answer relates to the topic but not the specific question. The answer contains only very limited relevant knowledge which is evaluated and analysed in a very limited way. Judgements are unsupported and are not linked to analysis. Relevant knowledge is limited, generalised and poorly used; attempts at argument are no more than assertion. Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding and no demonstration of any relevant knowledge.

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