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GCE

History A

Y310/01: Thematic study and historical interpretations: The development of the Nation State: France 1498-1610

A Level

Mark Scheme for June 2023

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**PREPARATION FOR MARKING
SCORIS**

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *scoris assessor Online Training*; *OCR Essential Guide to Marking*.
2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal <http://www.rm.com/support/ca>
3. Log-in to scoris and mark the **required number** of practice responses (“scripts”) and the **number of required** standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 5 PRACTICE AND 6 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

MARKING

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the scoris 50% and 100% (traditional 40% Batch 1 and 100% Batch 2) deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone or the scoris messaging system, or by email.

5. Crossed Out Responses

Where a candidate has crossed out a response and provided a clear alternative then the crossed out response is not marked. Where no alternative response has been provided, examiners may give candidates the benefit of the doubt and mark the crossed out response where legible.

Rubric Error Responses – Optional Questions

Where candidates have a choice of question across a whole paper or a whole section and have provided more answers than required, then all responses are marked and the highest mark allowable within the rubric is given. Enter a mark for each question answered into RM assessor, which will select the highest mark from those awarded. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate has penalised themselves by attempting more questions than necessary in the time allowed.)*

Multiple Choice Question Responses

When a multiple choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides two responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be awarded (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).

When a question requires candidates to select more than one option/multiple options, then local marking arrangements need to ensure consistency of approach.

Contradictory Responses

When a candidate provides contradictory responses, then no mark should be awarded, even if one of the answers is correct.

Short Answer Questions (requiring only a list by way of a response, usually worth only **one mark per response**)

Where candidates are required to provide a set number of short answer responses then only the set number of responses should be marked. The response space should be marked from left to right on each line and then line by line until the required number of responses have been considered. The remaining responses should not then be marked. Examiners will have to apply judgement as to whether a 'second response' on a line is a development of the 'first response', rather than a separate, discrete response. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate is attempting to hedge their bets and therefore getting undue benefit rather than engaging with the question and giving the most relevant/correct responses.)*

Short Answer Questions (requiring a more developed response, worth **two or more marks**)

If the candidates are required to provide a description of, say, three items or factors and four items or factors are provided, then mark on a similar basis – that is downwards (as it is unlikely in this situation that a candidate will provide more than one response in each section of the response space.)

Longer Answer Questions (requiring a developed response)

Where candidates have provided two (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.
7. Award No Response (NR) if:
 - there is nothing written in the answer space

Award Zero '0' if:


- anything is written in the answer space and is not worthy of credit (this includes text and symbols).

Team Leaders must confirm the correct use of the NR button with their markers before live marking commences and should check this when reviewing scripts.

8. The scoris **comments box** is used by your team leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.**
If you have any questions or comments for your team leader, use the phone, the scoris messaging system, or e-mail.
9. *Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to their Team Leader (Supervisor) via email by the end of the marking period. The report should contain notes on particular strengths displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.*
10. For answers marked by levels of response: Not applicable in F501
 - a. **To determine the level** – start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer
 - b. **To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
On the borderline of this level and the one below	At bottom of level
Just enough achievement on balance for this level	Above bottom and either below middle or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
Meets the criteria but with some slight inconsistency	Above middle and either below top of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
Consistently meets the criteria for this level	At top of level

11. Annotations

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

12. Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	<p>Evaluate the interpretations in both of the two passages and explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the cultural developments in France during the reign of Francis I</p> <p>In locating the Interpretations within the wider historical debate, answers might suggest that Interpretation A argues that Italian influence was crucial with Italians flocking to France and Frenchmen serving in Italy.</p> <p>In evaluating Interpretation A,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might argue that Interpretation A is valid as France was involved in the Italian wars in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. • Answers might argue that Interpretation A is valid as a significant number of chateaux in the Loire region were influenced by the Italian Renaissance. • Answers might argue that Interpretation A is valid as decorative features such as classical orders, pilasters, pediments and medallions appeared. • Answers might argue that Interpretation A is valid as Georges d'Amboise employed Italian craftsmen at Gaillon. • Answers might argue that Interpretation A is valid as Francis built a wing with loggias at Blois which were based on Bramante's at the Vatican Palace. 	30	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. <u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></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"> • No set answer is expected • At Level 5 and above answers will evaluate both interpretations, locating them within the wider historical debate about the issue and using their own knowledge, and reach a balanced judgement as to which they consider the most convincing about the issue in the question. • To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the interpretations, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme

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	<p>In locating the Interpretations within the wider historical debate, answers might suggest that Interpretation B argues that cultural developments happened as Francis wanted to promote his image of power.</p> <p>In evaluating Interpretation B,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might argue that Interpretation B is valid as Henry VIII had promoted his image as a Renaissance prince with his patronage and interest in music, and Francis was determined to outshine him. • Answers might argue that Interpretation B is valid as Francis invited Leonardo da Vinci to France. • Answers might argue that Interpretation B is valid as Francis developed the royal library, opened it to scholars from across Europe and signed the Ordonnance de Montpellier, in 1537. • Answers might argue that Interpretation B is valid as Francis provided Cellini with a workshop near the Louvre. • Answers might argue that Interpretation B is valid as the Italian Renaissance did make an impact seen in architecture of the chateau of the Loire. 		

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2*	<p>To what extent did the authority of the French monarchy change in the period from 1498 to 1610?</p> <p>In arguing that the authority of the monarchy did change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be argued that during the Wars of Religion the authority declined as the Midi was virtually an independent state. • Answers might consider that in the first half of the century there was financial and administrative reform and centralization that increased the authority of the monarch. • Answers might consider the reduction of the privileges of parlements, towns and provincial estates. • Answers might consider the sale of offices and tax farming. • Answers might consider the impact of the spread of Calvinism and also the Guise monopoly of influence in the second half of the century. • Answers might consider the invasion of Spain and the Catholic League during the Wars of Religion. • Answers might consider that Henry IV did much to restore royal authority. • Answers might consider the impact of weak finances. <p>In arguing that the authority of the French monarchy did not change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be argued that the monarch still had the right to conduct foreign policy. • Answers might consider the monarchy had the power to dispense justice for the common good. 	25	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</p> <p><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></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"> • No set answer is expected • At higher levels answers might establish criteria against which to judge the degree of change. • To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used as the basis for analysis and evaluation, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.

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3*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might consider the power of the monarchy over the Catholic church with the Gallican tradition. • Answers might consider the divine and sacred nature of monarchy. • Answers might consider the monarch's ability to override representative institutions. • Answers might consider the power of the nobility challenged the monarch throughout the period, seen in rebellions. <p>'Feudal loyalties and provincialism were the most important factors limiting royal control of the provinces in the period from 1498 to 1610.' How far do you agree?</p> <p>In agreeing with the hypothesis in the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be argued that each parlement held sway in its own province with regard to ratification of legislation. • Answers might consider that the provincial estates played an influential role in the distribution of finance, regulation of taxes and custom duties. • Answers might consider that maintaining law and order in border regions was a problem. • Answers might consider that unrest was often to uphold provincial privileges. • Answers might consider the role of towns in limiting the development of royal power. 	25	<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><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></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"> • No set answer is expected • At higher levels answers might establish criteria against which to judge the relative importance of different factors. • To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used as the basis

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers might consider that the nobility were able to command the loyalty of their subjects as seen in the Wars of Religion. • Answers might consider the noble unrest throughout the period. <p>In disagreeing with the hypothesis in the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be argued that religion was more important as it led to the establishment of the virtually independent Midi. • Answers might consider the importance of the provincial governor and the baillis. • Answers might consider decentralised nature of the kingdom. • Answers might consider the problem of effective taxation because of provincial traditions and privileges. • Answers might consider that monarchs did run roughshod over provincial rights – <i>gabelle</i> extended to Languedoc and Normandy although both exempt • Answers might consider the legal developments of Henry II that gave him greater control over land disputes. • Answers might consider the use of royal commissioners in the localities undermined provincialism. • Answers might consider the size of France and the problem of control it created. 		<p>for analysis and evaluation, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</p>

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4*	<p>‘Throughout the period from 1498 to 1610 France was religiously divided.’ How far do you agree?</p> <p>In supporting the hypothesis in the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be argued that humanism and Lutheranism was a problem during the reign of Francis I. • It might be argued that the growth of heresy was problem throughout the period. • It might be argued that Calvinism became a serious problem from the reign of Henry II. • It might be argued that France faced lengthy Wars of Religion. • It might be argued that religion led to Catholics forming an alliance with Spain. • It might be argued that Catherine de Medici’s policies undermined unity. <p>In disagreeing with the hypothesis in the question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It might be argued that the central concept of unity under one faith remained throughout the period. • It might be argued that Gallican principles bound together a community of believers. • It might be argued that the majority of Frenchmen remained Catholic. • It might be argued that the Crown remained Catholic. • It might be argued that foreign policy objectives ignored confessional loyalties. • It might be argued that heresy was linked with rebellion and disorder. • It might be argued that that French kings tried to stamp out heresy. 	25	<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><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></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"> • No set answer is expected • At higher levels answers might establish criteria against which to judge the extent, if any, of division. • To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material. • Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used as the basis for analysis and evaluation, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It might be argued that only a minority ever took up Calvinism.• It might be argued that Gallicanism remained important.		

APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>AO3: Analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted.</i>
	Generic mark scheme for Section A, Question 1: Interpretation [30]
Level 6 26–30 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question throughout. It has thorough and sustained evaluation of the interpretations, using detailed and accurate knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce a convincing and supported analysis of them in relation to the question.
Level 5 21–25 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question throughout. It has good evaluation of the interpretations, using relevant knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce a supported analysis of them in relation to the question.
Level 4 16–20 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. It has evaluation of the interpretations based on generally relevant knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce an analysis of them in relation to the question.
Level 3 11–15 marks	The answer is partially focused on the question. It has partial evaluation of the interpretations based on some knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue. There may be some use of information from one of the two interpretations to support the evaluation of the other, but the evaluation will not rely on this. There is a limited analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question.
Level 2 6–10 marks	The answer has a limited focus on the question. Parts of the answer are just description of the interpretations, with evaluation in relation to historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue being weak, and evaluation relying heavily on information drawn from the other interpretation. There is a very limited analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question.
Level 1 1–5 marks	The answer has some relevance to the topic, but not the specific question. The answer consists mostly of description of the interpretations with very limited evaluation based on very generalised knowledge of historical context and minimal or no reference to the wider historical debate. Analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question is either in the form of assertion or lacking.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding and no demonstration of any relevant knowledge.

	<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>
	Generic mark scheme for Section B, Questions 2, 3 and 4: Essay [25]
Level 6 21–25 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question. Detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a fully developed synthesis supporting a convincing and substantiated judgement. There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.
Level 5 17–20 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question. Generally accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a developed synthesis supporting a substantiated judgement. 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.
Level 4 13–16 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. Relevant knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a synthesis supporting a reasonable judgement. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.
Level 3 9–12 marks	The answer has a partial focus on the question. Some relevant knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and explain key features of the period studied in order to attempt an undeveloped synthesis, which is linked to a judgement, though the supporting explanation may lack detail and clarity. The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure. The information is supported by limited evidence.
Level 2 5–8 marks	The answer has only a limited focus on the question. Limited relevant knowledge and understanding is used to give a limited explanation and analysis of key features of the period studied. There is a judgement but this may not be clearly linked with the supporting explanation. 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.
Level 1 1–4 marks	The answer has a limited focus on the topic, but not the specific question. The answer is largely descriptive, with only very generalised knowledge of the period studied being used to attempt basic explanation and very limited analysis. Judgements are unsupported and are not linked to analysis. Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.
0 marks	The answer contains no relevant information.

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