

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of History

Date: March 2010

Subject: GCE History A Unit F965 (Historical Interpretations and Investigations)

UNIT F965 WORD LIMIT

Unit F965 comprises of two elements, the Interpretations essay and the Investigation. As stated in the specification, the word limit for each of these pieces of work is 2000 words. This unit is internally-marked and externally moderated. In response to queries received, please find below a further list of instructions to centres for use when marking the coursework:

- The maximum permitted length of work (for each of the Interpretations essay and the Investigation) is 2000 words. Moderators will be instructed to stop moderating after the word limit has been reached.
- Footnotes and bibliographies are not included in the word count, but footnotes should not be used to advance the argument.
- Centres must ensure that their candidates indicate the total word count on the front of the work and from January 2011 OCR will expect cumulative numbers of words on each page.
- Teachers should ensure that **at all drafting stages** the word limits are enforced and any candidate who exceeds this limit should have their work returned for amendment.
- When marking work submitted for **final assessment** teachers must award marks on the basis of the submission up to the word limit. If a submission exceeds the permitted word count, from January 2011 OCR will expect a line to be drawn across the text at that point. No credit must be given for the section of text that extends beyond the word limit.
- Non-compliance with these instructions may result in:
 - Differences in marks between the moderator and the centre
 - Candidates' work being returned to the Centre for remarking
 - In extreme cases referral as a matter of malpractice

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.