

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations

OCR GCSE (SHORT COURSE) IN HISTORY B (MODERN WORLD HISTORY)

1037

Key features

- An International Relations Core, 1919-1989, charting key changes, defining key issues and including key people and events.
- Coursework (25%) requires one assignment, based on one coursework unit. Centres may choose from a range of units or devise their own.
- Regional coursework consultants will monitor and advise on the suitability of assignments.
- Associated National Entry Level Qualification (formerly Certificate of Achievement).

Support and In-Service Training for Teachers

- A full programme of In-Service training meetings arranged by the Training and Customer Support Division (telephone 01223 552920).
- Specimen question papers and mark schemes, available from the Publications Department (telephone 0870 870 6622; fax 0870 870 6621).
- Past question papers and mark schemes, available from the Publications Department (telephone 0870 870 6622; fax 0870 870 6621).
- A Coursework Guide containing approved coursework assignments for Centres to use.
- OCR endorsed text titles.
- A website (www.ocr.org.uk).
- Written advice on coursework proposals.
- A report on the examination, compiled by senior examining personnel after each examination session.
- Individual feedback to each Centre on the moderation of coursework.

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SECTION A: SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

TIERS

The scheme of assessment consists of one tier covering the whole of the ability range grades G to A*.

COMPONENTS

Candidates must complete two components:

Component	Title	Duration	Weighting
1	Paper 1	1 hour 45 mins	75%
2	Coursework	-	25%
82	Coursework Carried Forward	-	25%

QUESTION PAPERS

Paper 1 is divided into two sections testing the Key Questions from the core content. Section A has two source-based questions; candidates must answer one of these. Section B has four structured questions of which candidates must answer one.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (COURSEWORK)

Candidates must complete one assignment based on one coursework unit. This can be chosen from the list of coursework units or can be a Centre-devised unit. The content studied must be different from that studied for the question paper. It should be possible for candidates to satisfy the coursework requirements by writing no more than 1 250 words.

SECTION B: GENERAL INFORMATION

1 Introduction

1.1 RATIONALE

This specification requires the study of:

- **key events, people, changes and issues** identified through key questions and focus points in the core and in a coursework unit. For example, the core is an outline study of international relations between 1919 and 1989, and charts major changes such as the collapse of international peace in the 1930s, and the collapse of communism in Europe in the 1980s. Each of the key questions defines a key issue such as 'To what extent was the League of Nations a success?' Key events such as the signing of the peace treaties in 1919-20, the invasion of Manchuria in 1931, and the Cuban Missile Crisis are included, as are the roles of key people such as Lloyd George, Hitler and Gorbachev;
- **key features and characteristics of the periods, societies, situations** specified, and, where appropriate, the **social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity of the societies** studied and the **experiences of men and women** in these societies in the coursework unit, for example, in Germany The Rise of Hitler and Nazi Germany, key features and characteristics such as political extremism and militarism, and the impact of economic collapse on political life; social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in contrasting society and culture in the Weimar and Nazi periods, and in the Nazi treatment of ethnic and religious minorities; the experiences of men and women throughout the period, but in particular experiences of women in Nazi Germany;
- **history on two different scales:** international through the study of international relations, and national by offering the opportunity to study in depth a significant period from the history of one country in the coursework unit, for example, Russia the Bolsheviks, Lenin and Stalin; and the USA boom, bust and recovery.
- **history in two different ways:** an outline study of developments in international relations from the end of the First World War to the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe, and in the coursework unit a study in depth over a shorter period of societies 'in the round', for example, the USA boom, bust and recovery. The core content will therefore be concerned with a single theme (international relations) over a longer period of time than that covered by the Depth Studies. The coursework units will be more concerned with the various aspects of political, social, economic and cultural development in a single society;
- **history from a variety of perspectives** political, social, economic and cultural in particular through the coursework unit for instance, in the USA –boom, bust and recovery, the political consequences of the Wall Street Crash, and the differing responses of Republicans and Democrats to the crash; the experiences of different social groups in the 1920; the economic causes and consequences of the Wall Street Crash; and cultural developments such as the impact of motion pictures;

history through a range of sources of information, including ICT, appropriate to the
period, such as written and visual sources, artefacts, music, oral accounts, and buildings
and sites.

1.2 CERTIFICATION TITLE

This specification will be shown on a certificate as:

OCR GCSE (Short Course) in History B

1.3 LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION

This qualification is approved by the regulatory authorities (QCA, ACCAC and CCEA) as part of the National Qualifications Framework.

Candidates who gain grades G to D will have achieved an award at Foundation Level.

Candidates who gain grades C to A* will have achieved an award at Intermediate Level.

Two GCSEs at grade G to D and two GCSEs at grade C to A* are equivalent to one three-unit GNVQ at Foundation and Intermediate Level respectively.

Four GCSEs at grade G to D and four GCSEs at grade C to A* are equivalent to one six-unit GNVQ at Foundation and Intermediate Level respectively.

1.4 RECOMMENDED PRIOR LEARNING

Candidates who are taking courses leading to this qualification at Key Stage 4 should normally have followed the corresponding Key Stage 3 programme of study within the National Curriculum.

Candidates entering this course should have achieved a general educational level equivalent to National Curriculum Level 3, or a distinction at Entry Level within the National Qualifications Framework.

1.5 PROGRESSION

GCSE qualifications are general qualifications which enable candidates to progress either directly to employment, or to proceed to further qualifications.

Many candidates who enter employment with one or more GCSEs will undertake training or further part-time study with the support of their employer.

Progression to further study from GCSE will depend upon the number and nature of the grades achieved. Broadly, candidates who are awarded mainly grades G to D at GCSE could either strengthen their base through further study of qualifications at Foundation Level within the National Qualifications Framework or could proceed to Intermediate level. Candidates who are

awarded mainly grades C to A* at GCSE would be well prepared for study at Advanced Level within the National Qualifications Framework.

1.6 OVERLAP WITH OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

This specification does not overlap with any other GCSE qualifications.

1.7 RESTRICTIONS ON CANDIDATE ENTRIES

Candidates who enter for this GCSE specification **may not** also enter for any other GCSE specification with the certification title History in the same examination series.

Candidates who enter for this GCSE **may**, however, also enter for any GNVQ specification with the certification title History in the same examination series. They **may** enter for any NVQ qualification. They **may** also enter for the Entry Level Certificate in History.

Every specification is assigned to a national classification code indicating the subject area to which it belongs.

Centres should be aware that candidates who enter for more than one GCSE qualification with the same classification code will have only one grade (the highest) counted for the purpose of the School and College Performance Tables.

The classification code for this specification is 4010.

1.8 CODE OF PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

These specifications will comply in every respect with the revised Code of Practice requirements for courses starting in September 2001.

1.9 STATUS IN WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND

This specification has been approved by ACCAC for use by Centres in Wales and by CCEA for use by Centres in Northern Ireland.

Candidates in Wales and Northern Ireland should not be disadvantaged by terms, legislation or aspects of government that are different from those in England. Where such situations might occur, including in the external assessment, the terms used have been selected as neutral, so that candidates may apply whatever is appropriate to their own situation.

OCR has taken great care in the preparation of this specification and assessment material to avoid bias of any kind.

OCR will provide specifications, assessments and supporting documentation only in English.

Further information on the provision of assessment materials in Welsh and Irish may be obtained from the Information Bureau at OCR (telephone 01223 553998).

2 Specification Aims

This specification gives candidates the opportunity to:

- acquire knowledge and understanding of the human past;
- investigate historical events, changes, people and issues;
- develop understanding of how the past has been represented and interpreted;
- use historical sources critically in their historical context;
- organise and communicate knowledge and understanding of history;
- draw conclusions and appreciate that these and other historical conclusions are liable to reassessment in the light of new or reinterpreted evidence;
- develop an interest in and an enthusiasm for History, and to acquire a sound basis for further historical study.

It should be noted that not all these aims can be translated readily into assessment objectives.

3 Assessment Objectives

Assessment Objective 1

Candidates must demonstrate the ability to recall, select, organise and deploy knowledge of the specification content to communicate it through description, analysis and explanation of:

- the events, people, changes and issues studied;
- the key features and characteristics of the periods, societies or situations studied.

Assessment Objective 2

Candidates must demonstrate the ability to use historical sources critically in their context, by comprehending, analysing, evaluating and interpreting them.

Assessment Objective 3

Candidates must demonstrate the ability to comprehend, analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, how and why historical events, people, situations and changes have been interpreted and represented in different ways.

Although the assessment objectives are expressed separately, they are not wholly discrete.

4 Scheme of Assessment

4.1 TIERS

The scheme of assessment consists of one tier covering the whole of the ability range grades G to A*. Candidates achieving less than the minimum mark for grade G will be ungraded.

4.2 COMPONENTS

Component	Title	Duration	Weighting
1	Paper 1	1 hour 45 mins	75%
2	Coursework	-	25%
82	Coursework Carried Forward	-	25%

4.3 QUESTION PAPERS

Paper 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)

This paper tests the key questions from the core content. It will be divided into two sections. There will be a total of 60 marks.

In **Section A** there will be two source-based questions of which candidates must answer one. These questions will test Assessment Objectives 1, 2 and 3. Each question will be structured into five or six parts and will carry a total of 40 marks.

In **Section B** there will be four structured questions, testing Assessment Objective 1, of which candidates must answer one. Each question will be structured into three parts (4, 6, 10 marks).

4.4 WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The relationship between the components and the assessment objectives of the scheme of assessment is shown in the following grid.

Component	Assessment Objective 1	Assessment Objectives 2 and 3	Total
Paper 1	45%	30%	75%
Coursework	25%	-	25%
Total	70%	30%	100%

4.5 ENTRY OPTIONS

Candidates who intend to take both components 1 and 2 should be entered for 1037 with no option code specified. Candidates who are re-sitting and intend to carry forward their mark for the coursework unit should be entered for 1037 option C.

Option Code	Title	Components to be taken
	History B (Modern World History)	1 and 2
С	History B (Modern World History) Coursework Carried Forward	1 and 82

4.6 INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (COURSEWORK)

There will be a total of 25 marks.

Candidates must complete one coursework assignment (25 marks) on one coursework unit. The coursework unit must **not** duplicate the content studied for the question paper.

The coursework assignment will cover the significance of an individual, development, place or event (Assessment Objective 1).

In order that coursework arises from defined and substantial areas of content, assignments must address issues which permit candidates to make use of their broad contextual knowledge of the coursework unit. Tasks must focus on the idea of *significance*, and this can only be judged adequately in the context of developments over time.

Coursework consultants will monitor the suitability of assignments in meeting the above requirements. Teachers should submit coursework proposals and mark schemes to the consultant at least one term in advance of the intended period of teaching.

It should be possible for candidates to satisfy the coursework requirements by writing no more than 1 250 words. However, this figure is given only as guidance, and it is recognised that many candidates may do more or less than this.

A Coursework Guide is available from OCR on request. This contains advice on constructing coursework units and on setting and marking assignments, and includes approved tasks for teachers who do not wish to set their own.

Examples of appropriate tasks are given in Sub-section 6.

Full details of internal assessment can be found in Sub-section 7.

4.7 ASSESSMENT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Candidates are expected to:

- present relevant information in a form that suits its purpose;
- ensure text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate, so that meaning is clear.

Where appropriate, they should also use a suitable structure and style of writing. All components require responses in continuous prose.

The quality of written communication covers clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, grammar, punctuation and spelling. It is one of the criteria used to determine the place of a response within a level in mark schemes. This applies both to the question paper and coursework.

4.8 DIFFERENTIATION

In the question paper differentiation will be achieved by the use of levels of response mark schemes to assess candidates' different levels of response to common questions. In coursework, differentiation will be achieved by the setting of common tasks and the use of levels of response mark schemes to assess candidates' responses to these tasks.

4.9 AWARDING OF GRADES

The written paper will have a weighting of 75% and internal assessment a weighting of 25%.

A candidate's mark for each of the components taken will be combined in the appropriate weighting to give the candidate's total mark for the specification. The candidate's grade will be determined by this total mark. Candidates achieving less than the minimum mark for Grade G will be ungraded.

4.10 GRADE DESCRIPTIONS

Grade descriptions are provided to give a general indication of the standards of achievement likely to have been shown by the candidates awarded particular grades. The descriptions must be interpreted in relation to the content specified in Sub-section 5; they are not designed to define that content. The grade awarded will depend in practice upon the extent to which the candidate has met the assessment objectives overall. Shortcomings in some aspects of the assessment may be balanced by better performance in others.

Grade F

Candidates recall, select and organise some relevant knowledge of the specification content. They identify and describe some reasons, results and changes in relation to the events, people, changes and issues studied. They describe a few features of an event, issue or period, including characteristic ideas, beliefs and attitudes.

Candidates comprehend sources of information and, taking them at their face value, begin to consider their usefulness for investigating historical issues and draw simple conclusions. They identify some differences between ways in which events, people or issues have been represented and interpreted and may identify some of the reasons for these.

Grade C

Candidates recall, select, organise and deploy historical knowledge of the specification content to support, generally with accuracy and relevance, their descriptions and explanations of the events, periods and societies studied.

Candidates produce structured descriptions and explanations of the events, people, changes and issues studied. Their descriptions and explanations show understanding of relevant causes, consequences and changes. They also consider and analyse key features and characteristics of the periods, societies and situations studied, including the variety of ideas, attitudes and beliefs held by people at the time.

Candidates evaluate and use critically a range of sources of information to investigate issues and draw relevant conclusions. They recognise and comment on how and why events, people and issues have been interpreted and represented in different ways.

Grade A

Candidates recall, select, organise and deploy historical knowledge of the specification content accurately, effectively and with consistency, to substantiate arguments and reach historical judgements.

Candidates produce developed, reasoned and well substantiated analyses and explanations which consider the events, people, changes and issues studied in their wider historical context. They also consider the diversity and, where appropriate, the interrelationship of the features and ideas, attitudes and beliefs in the periods, societies and situations studied.

Candidates evaluate and use critically a range of sources of information in their historical context to investigate issues and reach reasoned and substantiated conclusions. They recognise and comment on how and why events, people and issues have been interpreted and represented in different ways and consider their value in relation to their historical context.

SECTION C: SPECIFICATION CONTENT

5 Specification Content

The content consists of a compulsory Core and a range of coursework units from which one must be studied. Content is explained through a number of Key Questions and Focus Points. The Focus Points provide guidance on what is involved in addressing each Key Question. There are times when a Focus Point is used to set the scene for a Key Question, but without apparently bearing on the Key Question itself. This helps to indicate what is required if the Key Question itself is to be addressed adequately. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate understanding of the Key Questions and Focus Points using knowledge of relevant historical examples.

CORE CONTENT: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 1919-c.1989

Key Question 1: Were the Peace Treaties of 1919-23 fair?

Focus Points

What were the motives and aims of the Big Three at Versailles?

Why did all of the victors not get everything they wanted?

What was the immediate impact of the peace of the peace treaty on Germany up to 1923? Could the treaties be justified at the time?

Specified Content

The peace treaties of 1919-23 (Versailles, St. Germain, Trianon, Neuilly, Sevres and Lausanne); the roles of individuals such as Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd George in the peacemaking process; the impact of the treaties on the defeated countries; contemporary opinions about the treaties.

Key Question 2: To what extent was the League of Nations a success?

Focus Points

How successful was the League in the 1920s?

How far did weaknesses in the League's organisation make failure inevitable?

How far did the Depression make the work of the League more difficult?

Why did the League fail over Manchuria and Abyssinia?

Specified Content

The League of Nations; strengths and weaknesses in its structure and organisation; successes and failures in peacekeeping during the 1920s; other work of the League; refugees; the impact of the World Depression on the work of the League after 1929; the failures of the League in Manchuria and Abyssinia.

Key Question 3: Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?

Focus Points

13	What were the long-term consequences of the peace treaties of 1919-23?
13	What were the consequences of the failures of the League in the 1930s?
13	How far was Hitler's foreign policy to blame for the outbreak of war in 1939?
Дb	Was the policy of appeasement justified?
3	How important was the Nazi-Soviet Pact?
qp.	Why did Britain and France declare war on Germany in September 1939?

Specified Content

The collapse of international order in the 1930s; the increasing militarism of Germany, Italy and Japan; Hitler's foreign policy to 1939; the Saar, remilitarization of the Rhineland, Austria, Czechoslavakia and Poland; the Nazi-Soviet Pact, appearement and the outbreak of the war in September 1939.

Key Question 4: Who was to blame for the Cold War?

Focus Points

Why did the USA-USSR alliance begin to break down in 1945?
How had the USSR gained control of Eastern Europe by 1948?
How did the USA react to Soviet expansionism?
Who was more to blame for the start of the Cold War, the USA or the USSR?

Specified Content

The origins of the Cold War; the 1945 summit conferences and the breakdown of the USA-USSR alliance in 1945-6; Soviet expansionism in Eastern Europe; the Iron Curtain; the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan; the Berlin Blockade and its immediate consequences.

Key Question 5: How effectively did the USA contain the spread of Communism?

Focus Points

This Key Question will be explored through case studies of:

- America and events in Cuba, 1959-62.
 American involvement in Vietnam.
 - **Specified Content**

American reactions to the Cuban Revolution; the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis. Reasons for America's entry into, and increasing involvement in, the Vietnam War; reasons for America's defeat in the war.

Key Question 6: How secure was the USSR's control over Eastern Europe, 1948-c.1989?

Focus Points

- Why was there opposition to Soviet control in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968, and how did the USSR react to this opposition?
- How similar were events in Hungary in 1956 and in Czechoslovakia in 1968?
- Why was the Berlin Wall built in 1961?
- How important was 'Solidarity'?
- How far was Gorbachev responsible for the collapse of Soviet control over Eastern Europe?

Specified Content

Soviet power in Eastern Europe; resistance to Soviet power in Hungary, 1956, and Czechoslovakia, 1968; the Berlin Wall; 'Solidarity' in Poland; Gorbachev and the collapse of the Soviet Empire.

COURSEWORK UNITS

Candidates must study one coursework unit. This can be selected from the following list or can be a unit devised by Centres. Centres may **not** duplicate content being studied for the question papers.

COURSEWORK UNIT 1: GERMANY – THE RISE OF HITLER AND NAZI GERMANY

Key Question 1: Why was Hitler able to dominate Germany by 1934?

Focus Points

What did the Nazi Party stand for in the 1920s?

Why did the Nazis have little success before 1930?

Why was Hitler able to become Chancellor by 1933?

How did Hitler consolidate his power in 1933-4?

Key Question 2(a): The Nazi regime – how effectively did the Nazis control Germany, 1933-45?

Focus Points

How much opposition was there to the Nazi regime?

How effectively did the Nazis deal with their political opponents?

How did the Nazis use culture and the mass media to control the people?

Why did the Nazis persecute many groups in Germany society?

Key Question 2(b): The Nazi regime – what was it like to live in Nazi Germany?

Focus Points

How did young people react to the Nazi regime?

How successful were Nazis policies towards women and the family?

Did most people in Germany benefit from Nazi rule?

How did the coming of war change life in Germany?

Specified Content

The early years of the Nazi Party; Nazi ideas and methods; the Munich Putsch; the roles of Hitler and other Nazi leaders. The impact of the Depression on Germany; the political, economic and social crisis of 1930-33; reasons for the Nazis' rise to power; Hitler takes power, the Reichstag Fire and the election of 1933.

Nazi rule in Germany; the Enabling Act; the night of the Long Knives; the death of Hindenburg; removal of opposition; methods of control and repression; use of culture and the mass media. Economic policy including rearmament. Different experiences of Nazi rule; women and young people; anti-semitism, persecution of minorities. Opposition to Nazi rule.

Impact of the Second World War on Germany; conversion to war economy; the Final Solution.

COURSEWORK UNIT 2: RUSSIA – THE BOLSHEVIKS, LENIN AND STALIN

Key Question 1: How did the Bolsheviks gain power, and how did they consolidate their rule?

Focus Points

How effectively did the Provisional Government rule Russia in 1917? Why were the Bolsheviks able to seize power in November 1917? Why did the Bolsheviks win the Civil War? How far was the New Economic Policy a success?

Key Question 2: How did Stalin gain and hold on to power?

Focus Points

Why did Stalin, and not Trotsky, emerge as Lenin's successor?

Why did Stalin launch the 'Purges'?

What methods did Stalin use to control the Soviet Union?

How complete was Stalin's control over the Soviet Union by 1941?

Key Question 3: What was the impact of Stalin's economic policies?

Focus Points

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Why did Stalin introduce the Five-Year Plans?

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Why did Stalin introduce collectivisation?

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How successful were Stalin's economic changes?

How were the Soviet people affected by these changes?

Specified Content

The Provisional Government and the Soviets; the growing power and influence of revolutionary groups. Reasons for the failure of the Provisional Government. The Bolshevik seizure of power; the role of Lenin. The main features of Bolshevik rule; the Civil War and War Communism; reasons for the Bolshevik victory. The Kronstadt Rising and the establishment of the New Economic Policy.

Lenin's death and the struggle for power. Reasons for Stalin's emergence as leader by 1928. Stalin's dictatorship; use of terror, the Purges, propaganda and official culture.

Stalin's economic policies and their impact; the modernisation of Soviet industry, the Five-Year Plans. Collectivisation in agriculture. Life in the Soviet Union; the differing experiences of social groups, ethnic minorities and women.

COURSEWORK UNIT 3: THE USA - BOOM, BUST AND RECOVERY

Key Question 1: How far did the US economy boom in the 1920s?

Focus Points

On what factors was the economic boom based?
Why did some industries proper while some did not?
Why did agriculture not share in the prosperity?
Did all Americans benefit from the boom?



Key Question 2: What were the causes and consequences of the Wall Street Crash?

Focus Points

How far was speculation responsible for the Wall Street Crash? What impact did the Crash have on the economy? What were the social consequences of the Crash? Why did Roosevelt win the election of 1932?

Key Question 3: How successful was the New Deal?

Focus Points

What was the New Deal as introduced in 1933? How far did the character of the New Deal change after 1933? Why did the New Deal encounter opposition? Why did unemployment persist despite the New Deal? Did the fact that the New Deal did not solve unemployment mean that it was a failure?

Specified Content

The expansion of the US economy during the 1920s; mass production in the car and consumer durables industries; the fortunes of older industries; the development of credit and hire purchase; the decline of agriculture. Weakness in the economy by the late 1920s.

The Wall Street Crash and its financial, economic and social effects. The reaction of President Hoover to the Crash. The Presidential election of 1932; Hoover's and Roosevelt's programmes.

Roosevelt's inauguration and the Hundred Days. The New Deal legislation, the 'alphabetic' agencies and their work, and the economic and social changes they caused. Opposition to the New Deal; the Republicans, the rich, business interests, the Supreme Court, radical critics like Huey Long. The strengths and weaknesses of the New Deal programme in dealing with unemployment and the Depression.

COURSEWORK UNIT 4: CHINA UNDER MAO, 1945-c.1976

Key Question 1: How far had Communist rule changed China by the mid 1960s?

Focus Points

What changes in agriculture did Communist rule bring? What was the impact of the Communists' social reforms? How successful were the Five-Year Plans in increasing production? Did the Chinese people benefit from Communist rule?

Key Question 2: What was the impact of Communist rule on China's relations with other countries?

Focus Points

What have been China's changing relationships with neighbouring states? Why did China try to improve relations with the USA after 1970? How far was China established as a superpower by the time of Mao's death?

Key Question 3: Did Communism produce a cruel dictatorship in China?

Focus Points



How successful was 'The Hundred Flowers Movement'? Why did Mao launch the Cultural Revolution? What was the impact of the Cultural Revolution on China? How far was Mao a 'great' leader of China?

Specified Content

Communist rule in the 1950s and 60s; agrarian reform from 1950; people's courts and the treatment of landlords; establishment of collectives and communes. Industrial developments; the Five-Year Plans the Great Leap Forward. Social change; the role of women, health, education. Propaganda and the destruction of traditional culture.

Chinese foreign policy: changing relationship with the USSR; relations with other neighbouring countries, Tibet, India, Vietnam, Taiwan. Closer relations with the USA from 1970. Hong Kong.

The Communist Party dictatorship; repression of political opposition, the Hundred Flowers Campaign; treatment of minority groups; the Cultural Revolution; the role and status of Mao.

COURSEWORK UNIT 5: SOUTH AFRICA – THE APARTHEID STATE AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IT

Key Question 1: What was the nature of the apartheid state?

Focus Points

How was the apartheid system established?

What impact did apartheid have on the people of South Africa?

How effectively was apartheid enforced?

Did all whites support apartheid?

Key Question 2: How far did apartheid stabilise white minority rule?

Focus Points

How united was the African nationalist opposition?

How significant were individual African nationalist leaders in the struggle against apartheid?

Was government repression of opposition effective?

Did anyone benefit from apartheid?

Key Question 3: Why did white minority rule come to an end?

Focus Points

How important were external factors in ending white minority rule?

How important was the continuing resistance to white minority rule?

Why did the dismantling of the apartheid system not enable white minority rule to survive?

How significant were the roles of Mandela and de Klerk in ending white minority rule?

Specified Content

The apartheid system; justifications of apartheid; the apartheid laws; the impact of the apartheid system on the different peoples of South Africa. The enforcement of the apartheid system, and the repression of opposition, case study of Sharpeville.

Opposition to white minority rule; the campaigns of African nationalist organisations, the roles of leaders including Biko and Mandela in leading resistance, increasing international condemnation of white minority rule.

The collapse of apartheid; impact on the economy of international pressure, increasing international opposition, cost of involvement in regional wars. Roles of Mandela and de Klerk in ending minority rule, establishment of majority rule by 1994.

COURSEWORK UNIT 6: ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBOURS, 1945-c.1994

Key Question 1: How was the Jewish state of Israel established?

Focus Points

What was the significance of the end of the Second World War for Palestine?

What were the causes of conflict between Jews and Arabs in Palestine?

Why did the Arabs reject UNO plans to partition Palestine?

Why was Israel able to win the war of 1948-9?

Key Question 2: How was Israel able to survive despite the hostility of its Arab neighbours?

Focus Points

How was Israel able to win the wars of 1956, 1967 and 1973?

How significant was superpower involvement in Arab-Israeli conflicts?

Why have Israel's neighbours become more ready to accept her existence?

By the 1990s how far had the problems which existed between Israel and her neighbours been solved?

Key Question 3: What has been the impact on the Palestinians of the existence of Israel?

Focus Points

Why were there so many Palestinian refugees?
How effective has the PLO been in promoting the Palestinian cause?
Why have Arab states not always supported the Palestinians?
How have international perceptions of the Palestinian cause changed over time?

Specified Content

The Arab and Jewish peoples of Palestine; different cultures, races, languages. The aftermath of the Second World War; Jewish immigration. Jewish nationalism and the ending of the British mandate. Declaration of the state of Israel and the war of 1948-9.

Israel and its neighbours; the Suez War (1956), the Six-Day War (1967), the Yom Kippur War (1973), and Israeli incursions into Lebanon. Moves towards peace; Camp David and subsequent agreements.

The Palestinians; the refugee problem; Palestinian nationalism and the formation of the PLO; activities of the PLO and international acceptance; the role of Arafat; relations between the PLO and the Arab states. Relations with Israel and moves towards the creation of a Palestinian state.

COURSEWORK UNIT 7: CENTRE-DEVISED UNIT

Units devised by Centres must be comparable to the units detailed above in terms of length and breadth, and must be structured in a similar fashion i.e. through Key Questions and Focus Points.

Centre-devised units must be approved by a coursework consultant before teaching commences.

SECTION D: COURSEWORK

6 Coursework Tasks

6.1 NATURE OF COURSEWORK

Candidates must complete one coursework assignment based on a coursework unit. The coursework unit must **not** duplicate the content studied for the question paper.

Centres devising their own coursework units must ensure that these are comparable to units in Sub-section 5. Centres may, for example, design units which are longer in length but less detailed than these units such as 'Civil Rights in the USA, 1945-c.2000'. Centre-devised units must be structured using Key Questions and Focus Points. It is expected that most units will have three Key Questions each with four or five associated Focus Points. The latter should be used to indicate what is required if the Key Question is to be addressed adequately. Approval for Centre-devised coursework units must be obtained from OCR through the coursework consultant. Details of assignments, resources and mark schemes should be forwarded to the consultant well in advance of the intended teaching time.

Coursework assignments must arise from the study of substantial areas of content within the coursework units. Each assignment should be completed by candidates shortly after they have completed the study of the relevant coursework unit.

The tasks in the coursework assignment must focus on the idea of significance, this can only be judged in the context of developments over time.

The coursework assignment must provide candidates with an opportunity to address the appropriate assessment objectives as set out in the Scheme of Assessment. When setting coursework tasks, teachers should bear in mind the marking criteria set out on page 61 and should ensure that tasks enable candidates of all abilities to show positive achievement in relation to these criteria. This will involve setting common tasks and using levels of response mark schemes.

Coursework should be of around 1 250 words in length. Candidates should not, however, be penalised for exceeding this. Conversely, for certain candidates it would not be appropriate to require pieces of coursework of this length.

Coursework assignments should be set in the form of a question to be answered, an assertion or hypothesis to be tested, or a problem, issue or controversy to be investigated. Coursework may be in the form of an essay or project. Where these approaches are used candidates will need clear guidance about how to structure and present their work, and about which understanding and skills are being tested. Alternately, assignments may be structured into a series of shorter tasks. Where this approach is used there must be opportunities provided for some extended writing. It is also important to set open-ended questions which can be responded to at a variety of levels.

Many Centres will want guidance and advice to help them devise appropriate coursework assignments. Centres may use assignments and mark schemes from the Coursework Guide which is available from OCR. Alternatively, Centres may devise their own assignments and mark schemes. Coursework consultants have been appointed by OCR to provide advice about the suitability of tasks, and they will monitor the suitability of assignments in meeting the above requirements. Teachers should submit coursework proposals and mark schemes to the consultant at least one term in advance of the intended period of teaching. Consultants will be responsible for monitoring the suitability of tasks in relation to the assessment objectives and the specification content. Submissions to the consultant must include assignments, supporting materials (for example, sources) and mark schemes.

Levels of response mark schemes must be constructed for each task. These mark schemes should relate to the appropriate assessment objective(s) and the marking criteria set out below. Marking should be positive, rewarding achievement rather than penalising failure.

Candidates' responses should first be placed in the appropriate level. This judgement must be directly and exclusively linked to the relevant assessment objective(s). No other objectives may be assessed. It is the quality of the candidate's work and not its quantity or presentation which is assessed. Responses should then be awarded a mark within that level. The criteria used to award marks within a level can include: the number of examples used; the amount of relevant supporting detail; and the quality of explanation. The quality of candidates' written communication must be one of the criteria used in awarding marks within a level. This includes clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Instructions to this effect must be included in centres' mark schemes.

After candidates have completed the assignment the mark scheme should be refined in the light of candidates' responses.

Where two or more teachers in a Centre are involved in the marking of coursework, internal standardisation of marks must take place prior to the submission of marks to OCR. All assessed work should be annotated to indicate where, in the work, evidence for the marks awarded may be found. Annotations may be made on a cover sheet and/or at the appropriate points in the margins of the work.

6.2 EXEMPLAR COURSEWORK TASKS

Coursework Unit 5: South Africa – The Apartheid State and the Struggle Against It.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1

Instructions

Answer all the questions. You should try to keep your answers within the 1 250 word limit. You may use your books and notes but you should also research information on relevant CD-Roms and websites.

- 1 Select and explain the most important turning points in Nelson Mandela's life. [6]
- Explain the part played by external pressure (e.g. economic sanctions and international isolation in sport) in the fight against apartheid and minority rule in South Africa.
- Who was the more important in bringing about the end of apartheid and minority rule in South Africa, Nelson Mandela or President de Klerk? Explain your answer. [12]

Mark Scheme

Candidates' answers should first be placed in the appropriate level. Where there is a range of marks in the level the quality of the candidate's written communication should be an important factor in determining which mark to award the response. Quality of written communication includes: clarity of expression; structure of arguments; presentation of ideas; grammar; punctuation and spelling.

Question 1

- Level 1: Candidates list many events from Mandela's life. Little attempt has been made to select on the basis of significance and answers consist of description rather than explanation. [1-2]
- Level 2: Candidates have made an attempt to select events because of their significance.

 However, the events are described rather than their importance explained. [3-4]
- **Level 3:** Candidates have selected events on the basis of their significance and have explained why at least some of them were important in Mandela's life. [5-6]

Question 2

Level 1: Candidates describe examples of external pressure rather than explaining how they helped to bring about the end of apartheid and minority rule.

OR

- Candidates explain in a general way how external pressure helped to bring apartheid and minority rule to an end but the explanation is very general with no specific factors or consequences being explained. [1-2]
- Level 2: Candidates explain the impact of one specific factor. These answers must be causal explanations, i.e. they must explain how the factor contributed to the ending of apartheid or minority rule.

 [3-5]
- Level 3: Candidates explain the impact of more than one factor. These must be different types of factors e.g. economic and sporting. These answers must be causal explanations, i.e. they explain how the factors contributed to the ending of apartheid or minority rule.

 [6-7]

Question 3

- Level 1: Candidates make supported assertions. These answers will simply make assertions and the support will be very general. [1-2]
- **Level 2:** Candidates describe the role of one or both men no explanation or assessment of their importance is provided. [3-5]
- **Level 3:** Candidates explain the importance of one of the men. [6-8]
- Level 4: Candidates explain the importance of both men but fail to compare their contributions, or explain why one was more important than the other, or why they were equally important. [9-10]
- Level 5: Candidates compare the importance of the two men and reach and support an informed conclusion. [11-12]

7 Regulations for Internal Assessment

7.1 SUPERVISION AND AUTHENTICATION OF INTERNALLY ASSESSED WORK

Coursework consultants have been appointed by OCR to advise on, and to approve, Centre-designed units, assignments and mark schemes. A consultant has been allocated to each Centre. It is a requirement that Centre-designed units must be submitted to the consultant for approval before the unit is taught. It is also a requirement that assignments and mark schemes must be approved by the consultant before they are given to candidates.

Submissions to the consultant must include Centre-designed units (if applicable), assignments, supporting materials (for example, sources) and marking schemes. Submissions should be made at least six weeks before it is planned to use the materials with candidates.

OCR expects teachers to supervise and guide candidates who are undertaking work which is internally assessed (for example, coursework). The degree of teacher guidance in candidates' work will vary according to the kinds of work being undertaken. It should be remembered, however, that candidates are required to reach their own judgements and conclusions.

When supervising internally assessed tasks, teachers are expected to:

- offer candidates advice about how best to approach such tasks;
- exercise continuing supervision of work in order to monitor progress and to prevent plagiarism;
- ensure that the work is completed in accordance with the specification requirements and can be assessed in accordance with the specified marking criteria and procedures.

Internally assessed work should be completed in the course of normal curriculum time and supervised and marked by the teacher. Some of the work, by its very nature, may be undertaken outside the Centre, for example, research work, testing etc. As with all internally assessed work, the teacher must be satisfied that the work submitted for assessment is the candidate's own work.

7.2 PRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF INTERNALLY ASSESSED WORK

Candidates must observe certain procedures in the production of internally assessed work.

- Any copied material must be suitably acknowledged.
- Quotations must be clearly marked and a reference provided wherever possible.
- Work submitted for moderation must be marked with the following information:

Centre number
Centre name
candidate number
candidate name
specification code and title
assignment title.

All work submitted for moderation must be kept in a flat card file (not a ring binder).

7.3 MARKING CRITERIA FOR INTERNALLY ASSESSED WORK

Written Communication

Candidates are expected to:

- present relevant information in a form that suits its purpose;
- ensure text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate, so that meaning is clear.

Where appropriate they should also use a suitable structure and style of writing.

The quality of written communication covers clarity of expression, structure of arguments, presentation of ideas, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Centres should note that whilst no separate mark is to be awarded for written communication, it should act as one of the criteria used to decide the place of a response within a level in coursework mark schemes.

Centres may find the following levels of assistance when considering standards of written communication.

Threshold

Candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.

Intermediate

Candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.

High

Candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with almost faultless accuracy, deploying a range of grammatical constructions; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly and with precision.

Marking Criteria

Marks should be awarded according to the following criteria for each assessment objective. It should be noted that these descriptors are general and refer to a candidate's overall performance in each assessment objective, and therefore should not be used to mark individual tasks. A levels of response mark scheme should be constructed for each task set. The total mark achieved will place the candidate in one of the levels below. The candidate's work should, as a whole, demonstrate the qualities listed in that level. If it does not, the marks will need to be adjusted.

Assessment Objective 1

Band 1, mark range 1-8

Candidates can select and use some relevant information to construct narratives, descriptions and explanations which are straightforward and accurate but are likely to be relatively brief or limited in scope.

Candidates can describe some of the main events, people and changes, and give a few reasons for, and results of, the main events and changes.

Candidates can describe a few features of an event, issue or period including, at a basic level, characteristic ideas, beliefs and attitudes.

Band 2, mark range 9-18

Candidates can select, organise and deploy a wider range of relevant information to produce structured narratives, descriptions and explanations which are accurate and reasonably thorough but are nonetheless limited to the more obvious aspects of the matter under consideration.

Candidates can produce structured descriptions and explanations of events, people, changes and issues, and analyse causes and consequences.

Candidates can describe, analyse and explain key features and characteristics of situations, periods, and societies including the variety of ideas, attitudes, and beliefs held by people at the time.

Band 3, mark range 19-25

Candidates can select, organise and deploy an extensive range of relevant information to produce consistently well structured narratives, descriptions and explanations which are thorough and accurate and show appreciation of the wider context of the information.

Candidates can analyse relationships between a wide range of events, people, ideas and changes. Their explanations and analyses of causes and consequences of events and changes are well substantiated and set in their wider historical context.

Candidates can give reasons for the diversity of the features and ideas, attitudes and beliefs in the periods, societies and situations studied, and can explain the interrelationship between them.

7.4 MODERATION

All internally assessed work is marked by the teacher and internally standardised by the Centre. Marks are then submitted to OCR by a specified date, after which moderation takes place in accordance with OCR procedures. The purpose of moderation is to ensure that the standard of the award of marks for internally assessed work is the same for each Centre and that each teacher has applied the standards appropriately across the range of candidates within the Centre.

The sample of work that is presented to the Moderator for moderation must show how the marks have been awarded in relation to the marking criteria defined in Sub-section 7.3.

Where it is not clear within a project folder, by the candidate's own presentation of work, where the marks have been awarded, annotation must be carried out by the person marking the work.

A separate cover sheet containing reference to the criteria applied and their location within the project is recommended.

In order to ensure that internally assessed work has arisen from an approved course of study, Centres are required to submit, at the time of moderation, one candidate's folder of classwork on the coursework unit, as well as the sample of internally assessed work.

7.5 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNALLY ASSESSED WORK

There should be clear evidence that work has been attempted and some work produced.

If a candidate submits no work for an internally assessed component, then the candidate should be indicated as being absent from that component on the mark sheets submitted to OCR. If a candidate completes any work at all for an internally assessed component, then the work should be assessed according to the criteria and marking instructions and the appropriate mark awarded, which may be zero.

SECTION E: FURTHER INFORMATION

8 Opportunities for Teaching

8.1 ICT

In order to play a full part in modern society, candidates need to be confident and effective users of ICT. Where appropriate, candidates should be given opportunities to use ICT in order to further their study of History.

This sub-section offers guidance on opportunities for using ICT during the course. These opportunities are also indicated within the content of Sub-section 5 by a symbol. Such opportunities may or may not contribute to the provision of evidence for IT Key Skills. Where such opportunities do contribute, they are identified by the use of the symbol.

ICT Application/ Development	Opportunities for using ICT during the course
Find out things from a variety of sources, selecting and synthesising the information to meet their needs.	For coursework candidates access electronic archives, search for and use appropriate websites for museums, government agencies and university departments.
Use a database to search and analyse patterns and test hypotheses effectively.	Candidates use CD-Roms and websites to test hypotheses about a given topic such as the effectiveness of the League of Nations. Candidates use a database showing changing voting patterns in Germany in the late 1920s and early 1930s to establish patterns in changing support for the Nazi Party.
Develop an ability to question the accuracy, bias and plausibility of information researched.	Candidates evaluate the different interpretations to be found on the Internet about, for example, the fall of Communism in Europe.
Develop ideas using ICT tools; amend and refine work and enhance its quality and accuracy.	Candidates use an ICT processed writing frame to develop skills in extended writing and structure answers. These may be marked, or discussed in class, and then redrafted. Candidates may organise and deliver a presentation about, for
	example, the reasons for America's defeat in the Vietnam War to the rest of the class using Power Point.
Use a word-processing package to organise and classify.	Candidates organise and classify different types of causes of the Second World War and produce an annotated causal chain.
Exchange and share information.	E Mail projects may be organised for candidates to communicate with each other, their teacher, students or experts from other centres or other countries. Ideas and information about topics such as the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and the fall of Communism in Europe could be exchanged. Candidates use E-mail or an electronic Noticeboard to collect and pass on, for example, revision notes.

8.2 CITIZENSHIP

From September 2002, the National Curriculum for England at Key Stage 4 includes a mandatory programme of study for Citizenship. Parts of this programme of study may be delivered through an appropriate treatment of other subjects.

This sub-section offers guidance on opportunities for developing knowledge, skills and understanding of citizenship issues during the course. These opportunities are also indicated within the content of Sub-section 5 by a symbol.

Citizenship Programme of Study	Opportunities for teaching Citizenship Issues during the course
The legal and human rights and responsibilities underpinning society and how they relate to citizens, including the operation of the criminal and civil justice systems.	These issues are addressed when studying legal and human rights and responsibilities, for example, in coursework units on Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia or South Africa, and comparing these with the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a modern democratic state.
The work of Parliament, the government and the courts in making and shaping law.	These issues are addressed when studying the making and shaping of laws, for example, in the USA in the 1920s and 1930s. They are also addressed at an international level by studying the operation of the League of Nations.
The importance of a free press and the media's role in society.	Study of the importance and role of the media in the chosen coursework unit will give rise to opportunities to discuss the importance of a free media in society.
The United Kingdom's relations in Europe.	The changing nature of the United Kingdom's relations in Europe through the twentieth century is studied as part of the core content. This contributes to an understanding of the United Kingdom's relations in Europe today.
Opportunities for individuals and voluntary groups to bring about social change.	The role of influential individuals and groups in bringing about change is studied, for example, in coursework units on South Africa, The USA or Germany.
Express, justify and defend orally and in writing a personal opinion about such issues.	Candidates can, through the use of hot seating, express, justify and defend their views about, for example, the policy of appearement, or America's involvement in Vietnam.
Contribute to group and class discussion and formal debates.	Working in groups, candidates can prepare arguments in favour and against, for example, the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.
Use imagination to consider, express, explain and evaluate other people's experiences and opinions.	The coursework units provide many opportunities for candidates to understand the experiences and views of other people, for example, different groups in South Africa, Arabs and Israelis, and the various groups in German society in the 1930s.

8.3 SPIRITUAL, MORAL, ETHICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISSUES

This specification enables candidates to develop their understanding of spiritual, moral, ethical, social and cultural issues in depth. Spiritual issues are addressed, for example, in the coursework unit on Germany which allows candidates to reflect on the sacrifices made by the people who opposed Hitler and on the Holocaust. There are also opportunities in the component on South Africa for candidates to study and reflect about human achievements of individuals such as Nelson Mandela. Moral and ethical issues are addressed in the core content, for example, in evaluating the fairness of the peace treaties 1919-23, as well as in the coursework units, for example, the moral and ethical issues related to apartheid in the South Africa component. Social issues are addressed, for example, in the first key question of the core content where the changes in the roles of women in Britain during the First World War are studied. Coursework units, for example, those on Russia and Germany, address a range of cultural issues by considering the role of culture in society and politics.

8.4 HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

OCR has taken account of the 1988 Resolution of the Council of the European Community and the Report *Environmental Responsibility: An Agenda for Further and Higher Education*, 1993 in preparing this specification and associated specimen assessments.

Health, safety and environmental issues are addressed in the core content, for example, in the study of the work of the International Labour Organisation in relation to health, safety and environmental issues in the workplace, and the work of the Health Committee in fighting dangerous diseases and educating people about health and sanitation.

Environmental issues are also addressed through candidates' understanding of how past actions, choices and values impact on present and future societies, economies and environments.

Safety during fieldwork is paramount, and candidates should be involved in risk assessment as part of their preparation for coursework.

8.5 THE EUROPEAN DIMENSION

OCR has taken account of the 1988 Resolution of the Council of the European Community in preparing this specification and associated specimen assessments. European examples should be used where appropriate in the delivery of the subject content. Relevant European legislation is identified within the specification where applicable.

The European dimension is addressed in the core content where both co-operation and conflict between European states are studied. Attempts at co-operation are examined, for example, in the Key Question 'To what extent was the League of Nations a success?', while reasons for conflict between European nations are addressed in the Key Question 'Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?'.

9 Key Skills

Key Skills are central to successful employment and underpin further success in learning independently. Whilst they are certified separately, the Key Skills guidance for this qualification has been designed to support the teaching and learning of the content. Opportunities for developing the generic Key Skills of Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology are indicated through the use of a in Sub-section 5. The wider Key Skills of Working with Others, Problem Solving and Improving own Learning and Performance may also be developed through the teaching programmes associated with the specification.

The following matrix indicates those Key Skills for which opportunities for at least some coverage of the relevant Key Skills unit exist.

	Communication	Application of Number	IT	Working with Others	Improving Own Learning and Performance	Problem Solving
Level 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Level 2	✓		✓	✓	✓	

Detailed opportunities for generating Key Skills evidence through this specification are posted on the OCR website. A summary document for Key Skills coordinators showing ways in which opportunities for Key Skills arise within GCSE courses will be published during 2001.

10 Reading List

At the time of the publication of this specification Heinemann are preparing a GCSE History textbook to accompany this course. It will be endorsed by OCR for use with this specification subject to OCR's quality assurance procedure before final publication.

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Modern World History for OCR: Core

textbook

Modern World History for OCR:

Foundation textbook

Modern World History for OCR: Core

Teachers' Resource Pack

Modern World History for OCR: Foundation Teachers' Resource Pack Modern World History for OCR:

Revision Guide

Heinemann
ISBN (pending)

11 Arrangements for Candidates with Special Needs

For candidates who are unable to complete the full assessment or whose performance may be adversely affected through no fault of their own, teachers should consult the *Inter-Board Regulations and Guidance Booklet for Special Arrangements and Special Consideration*.

In such cases, advice should be sought from the OCR Special Requirements team (telephone 01223 552505) as early as possible during the course.

12 Support and In-Service Training for Teachers

- A full programme of In-Service training meetings arranged by the Training and Customer Support Division (telephone 01223 552950).
- Specimen question papers and mark schemes, available from the Publications Department (telephone 0870 870 6622; fax 0870 870 6621).
- Past question papers and mark schemes, available from the Publications Department (telephone 0870 870 6622; fax 0870 870 6621).
- A Coursework Guide containing approved coursework assignments for Centres to use.
- A website (www.ocr.org.uk).
- Written advice on coursework proposals.
- OCR endorsed text titles.
- A report on the examination, compiled by senior examining personnel after each examination session.
- Individual feedback to each Centre on the moderation of coursework.