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**GCE**

**History A**

**Y143/01: British period study and enquiry: Britain 1930-1997**

AS Level

**Mark Scheme for June 2023**

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## MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

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
<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

## 12. Subject Specific Marking Instructions

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	<p><b>Use your knowledge of the situation in Europe in 1946 to assess how useful Source A is as evidence of Churchill's view of the threat posed by the Soviet Union.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing how Source A is useful</b>, answers might consider that it explains how Churchill believed that an iron curtain had split the east and west and that Soviet power was increasingly using force and terror.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that the source was from a speech given by Churchill in 1946 in the USA.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> how the Soviets had taken power in most Eastern European states and that elections had not been free.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> developments in Poland.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the percentage agreement between Churchill and Stalin.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the relationship between Churchill and Stalin during the Second World War.</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> Churchill's attitude towards communism.</li> </ul>	10	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.  <u><b>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</b></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"> <li>• No set answer is expected</li> <li>• The answer must assess utility for the issue specified. Analysis and evaluation of utility for other issues is not required and should not be credited.</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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2	<p><b>Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that Churchill believed that it was possible to establish harmony in Europe after the Second World War.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing how Source A does not support the view</b>, answers might consider that Churchill believes an iron curtain has descended and that the Soviets are using terror and avoiding free elections and therefore dividing Europe.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source A</b>, answers might consider that it was a speech by Churchill in the USA in 1946.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source A</b>, answers might consider that Churchill and Stalin had disagreements during the war over a second front.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing how Source B does support the view that harmony was possible</b>, he speaks of friendship between France and Germany, the European family and urged a 'United States of Europe'.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source B</b>, answers might consider that Churchill was speaking and wanted to provide hope to his audience.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source B</b>, answers might consider that Churchill had a history of promoting co-operation and did not see it as incompatible with the United Nations or the Empire.</li> </ul>	20	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.  <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 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>• 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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<p>3*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In discussing how Source C does support the view</b> answers might consider that Churchill believes it is possible if the West is strong and rearms.</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the provenance of Source C</b> this was a party political broadcast and the Conservatives had lost recent elections (1945 and February 1950).</li> <li>• <b>In discussing the historical context of Source C</b> it might be considered that Churchill agreed with the establishment of the Council of Europe in 1949 and had spoken in favour of economic co-operation.</li> </ul> <p><b>To what extent was there an improvement in living standards in the period from 1951 to 1964?</b></p> <p><b>In arguing that living standards did improve</b> answers might consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 1950s were a period of relatively full employment, with unemployment reaching 500,000 only in 1959.</li> <li>• Households had money to spend.</li> <li>• Level of real wages rose.</li> <li>• There was a rise in home ownership from 25% to 44% by 1964.</li> <li>• An increasing number of houses were built.</li> <li>• Housework was easier with more domestic appliances.</li> <li>• There was a more diverse diet.</li> <li>• There was rapid growth in foreign holidays.</li> <li>• Macmillan claimed that people had ‘never had it so good’.</li> </ul>	<p>20</p>	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.  <b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b>                      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 there will be judgement as to the extent of improvement.</li> <li>• At higher Levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge an improvement in living standards.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions.</li> </ul>

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4*	<p><b>In arguing that living standards did not improve</b> answers might consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The economic problems of the 1960s.</li> <li>• Rising unemployment from 1961 with unemployment reaching 800,000 in 1963.</li> <li>• There was inflation.</li> <li>• Much of the improvement was bought on credit.</li> <li>• The north and Scotland suffered most from the decline in the economy.</li> <li>• Not everyone benefited from the improvements.</li> <li>• Immigrants often found themselves in poor housing and low paid jobs.</li> </ul> <p><b>‘Unrest was never a serious problem for the Thatcher governments.’ How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>In arguing that unrest was never a serious problem,</b> answers might consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty was more apparent but did not cause unrest despite ‘cardboard cities’ and people sleeping rough.</li> <li>• Industrial centres became rundown.</li> <li>• Opposition was distracted by success in the Falklands War.</li> <li>• Social discontent did not ally with political criticism, so the various discontents remained separate.</li> <li>• Welfare spending rose because of the high levels of unemployment and, as a result, limited unrest.</li> <li>• People still remembered the Winter of Discontent and the failure of miner’s strike convinced many it was no longer the way to settle disputes.</li> </ul>	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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 Level 5 there will be judgement as to how serious the unrest was.</li> <li>• At higher Levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the seriousness of unrest.</li> <li>• To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, they are assertions.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>In arguing that unrest was a serious problem,</b> answers might argue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was rioting in Brixton, Liverpool and other urban centres in 1981.</li> <li>• The miner's strike of 1984-5 saw violence and battles between the police and miners.</li> <li>• Polls suggested the strike divided the nation between north and south.</li> <li>• Violent clashes stimulated a general lawlessness in Britain, seen in riots in cities in 1985.</li> <li>• There was widespread unrest and violent demonstrations against the Poll Tax in 1990.</li> <li>• Militant Tendency revived to form the All-Britain-Anti-Poll Tax Federation.</li> <li>• Scottish National Party ran a successful 'can't pay, won't pay' campaign.</li> <li>• Unrest in Northern Ireland.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Responses which focus solely on social unrest are still able to access any level, what matters is the quality of analysis and judgement reached</b></p>

APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>A02: 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: Use your knowledge of [specified historical context] to assess how useful Source [...] is as evidence of.... [10]</b>
<b>Level 5</b> 9–10 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question. The source is evaluated, using both provenance and relevant knowledge of the historical context that is specified in the question, in order to engage with the source and reach a supported analysis of its utility as evidence for the issue in the question.
<b>Level 4</b> 7–8 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. The source is evaluated, using both provenance and generally relevant knowledge of the historical context that is specified in the question, in order to engage with the source and produce an analysis of its utility as evidence for the issue in the question. The use of provenance may not be developed.
<b>Level 3</b> 5–6 marks	The answer is partially focused on the question. There is partial evaluation of the source, with use of some knowledge of the historical context that is specified in the question, in order to engage with the source and produce a partial analysis of its utility as evidence for the issue in the question.
<b>Level 2</b> 3–4 marks	The answer has only limited focus on the question. There is a generalised evaluation of the source, with use of limited knowledge of the historical context that is specified in the question, in order to engage with the source and produce a basic analysis of its utility as evidence for the issue in the question.
<b>Level 1</b> 1–2 marks	This answer is on the wider topic area, but not on the detail of the question. There is a very basic evaluation of the source, with very limited use of very generalised knowledge of historical context that is specified in the question, in order to engage with the source in a very limited way to attempt a very simple analysis of its utility. This analysis may primarily take the form of drawing information from the source, and it will be considered more as evidence for the wider topic area than the specific issue in the question.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding or reference to the source.

	<i>A02: 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 2: How far do the three sources support the view? [20]</b>
<b>Level 5</b> 17–20 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 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> 13–16 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> 9–12 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> 5–8 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> 1–4 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 3 and 4: Essay [20]</b>
<b>Level 5</b> 17–20 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> 13–16 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> 9–12 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> 5–8 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> 1–4 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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