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GCSE and A level History qualifications summaries

GCSE

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The most popular options may be:

- Medicine in Britain, c1250–present *with* The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches
- Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88
- Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941–91
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment (Paper codes: 1HI0/10–12)
Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes 30%* of the qualification 52 marks (16 for the historic environment, 36 for the thematic study)
Content overview Students take one of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present <i>and</i> Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city.• 11: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present <i>and</i> The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.• 12: Warfare and British society, c1250–present <i>and</i> London and the Second World War, 1939–45.
Assessment overview Section A: historic environment Students answer a question that assesses knowledge plus a two-part question based on two provided sources. Section B: thematic study Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students answer one from a choice of two.

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study	(Paper codes: 1HI0/20–29)
Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes	
40%* of the qualification	
64 marks (32 for the period study and 32 for the British depth study)	
Content overview	
Students take one of the following British depth study options:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1: Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88 • B2: The reigns of King Richard I and King John, 1189–1216 • B3: Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40 • B4: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88. 	
Students also take one of the following period study options:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/21: Spain and the 'New World', c1490–c1555 • 22/23: British America, 1713–83: empire and revolution • 24/25: The American West, c1835–c1895 • 26/27: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91 • 28/29: Conflict in the Middle East, 1945–95. 	
Assessment overview	
Section A: Period study	
Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students select two out of three parts.	
Section B: British depth study	
Students answer a single three-part question that assesses their knowledge and understanding. The first two parts are compulsory. For the third part, students select one from a choice of two.	
Paper 3: Modern depth study	(Paper codes: 1HI0/30–33)
Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes	
30%* of the qualification	
52 marks	
Content overview	
Students take one of the following modern depth studies:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917–41 • 31: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 • 32: Mao's China, 1945–76 • 33: The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad. 	
Assessment overview	
Section A	
Students answer a question based on a provided source and a question that assesses their knowledge and understanding.	
Section B	
Students answer a single four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations.	

A level

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The most popular units are:

1E – Russia; then 1F USA; 1G Germany; 1H Britain

35.2 – British Empire; then 36.2 Britain and Ireland; 31 Tudors

Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations *Paper codes: 9HI0/1A–1H	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Externally assessed.Availability: May/June.First assessment: 2017.	30% of the total qualification
Overview of content Students take one** of the following options: 1A: The crusades, c1095–1204 1B: England, 1509–1603: authority, nation and religion 1C: Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement 1D: Britain, c1785–c1870: democracy, protest and reform 1E: Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin 1F: In search of the American Dream: the USA, c1917–96 1G: Germany and West Germany, 1918–89 1H: Britain transformed, 1918–97	
Overview of assessment*** <ul style="list-style-type: none">Written examination, lasting 2 hours 15 minutes.Marks available: 60Students answer three questions: one from Section A, one from Section B and one from Section C.Sections A and B comprise a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1).Section C comprises one compulsory question that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations (AO3).	

Paper 2: Depth study***Paper codes: 9HI0/2A–2H**

- Externally assessed.
- Availability: May/June.
- First assessment: 2017.

**20% of the
total
qualification****Overview of content**

Students take **one**** of the following options:

2A.1: Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, c1053–1106

2A.2: England and the Angevin Empire in the reign of Henry II, 1154–89

2B.1: Luther and the German Reformation, c1515–55

2B.2: The Dutch Revolt, c1563–1609

2C.1: France in revolution, 1774–99

2C.2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924

2D.1: The unification of Italy, c1830–70

2D.2: The unification of Germany, c1840–71

2E.1: Mao's China, 1949–76

2E.2: The German Democratic Republic, 1949–90

2F.1: India, c1914–48: the road to independence

2F.2: South Africa, 1948–94: from apartheid state to 'rainbow nation'

2G.1: The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46

2G.2: Spain, 1930–78: republicanism, Francoism and the re-establishment of democracy

2H.1: The USA, c1920–55: boom, bust and recovery

2H.2: The USA, 1955–92: conformity and challenge

Overview of assessment***

- Written examination, lasting 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Marks available: 40
- Students answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B.
- **Section A** comprises one compulsory question for the option studied, based on two sources. It assesses source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2).
- **Section B** comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1).

Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth

*Paper codes: 9HI0/30–39

- Externally assessed.
- Availability: May/June.
- First assessment: 2017.

30% of the
total
qualification

Overview of content

Students take **one**** of the following options:

- 30:** Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399–1509
- 31:** Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485–1603
- 32:** The Golden Age of Spain, 1474–1598
- 33:** The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c1580–c1750
- 34.1:** Industrialisation and social change in Britain, 1759–1928: forging a new society
- 34.2:** Poverty, public health and the state in Britain, c1780–1939
- 35.1:** Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763–1914
- 35.2:** The British experience of warfare, c1790–1918
- 36.1:** Protest, agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain, c1780–1928
- 36.2:** Ireland and the Union, c1774–1923
- 37.1:** The changing nature of warfare, 1859–1991: perception and reality
- 37.2:** Germany, 1871–1990: united, divided and reunited
- 38.1:** The making of modern Russia, 1855–1991
- 38.2:** The making of modern China, 1860–1997
- 39.1:** Civil rights and race relations in the USA, 1850–2009
- 39.2:** Mass media and social change in Britain, 1882–2004

Overview of assessment***

- Written examination, lasting 2 hours 15 minutes.
- Marks available: 60
- Students answer three questions: one from Section A, one from Section B and one from Section C.
- **Section A** comprises one compulsory question for the option studied, assessing source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2).
- **Section B** comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1).
- **Section C** comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1).

Coursework***Paper code: 9HI0/04**

- Internally assessed, externally moderated.
- Availability: May/June.
- First moderation: 2017.

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qualification****Overview of assessment**

- Students complete a single assignment on a question set by the centre.
- The assignment will assess the ability to carry out a historical enquiry, analysing and evaluating historical interpretations, and organising and communicating the findings (AO1/AO3).