

GCSE (9–1)

History A (Explaining the Modern World)

J410/01: International Relations: the changing international order 1918–c.2001 with China 1950–1981: The People and the State

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
 1	Level 1
 2	Level 2
 3	Level 3
 4	Level 4
 5	Level 5
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
NAQ	Not answered question
	Extendable horizontal wavy line

1. Subject-specific Marking Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper and its rubrics
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINERS

- 1 The practice and standardisation scripts provide you with *examples* of the standard of each band. The marks awarded for these scripts will have been agreed by the PE and Senior Examiners.
- 2 The specific task-related indicative content for each question will help you to understand how the band descriptors may be applied. However, this indicative content does not constitute the mark scheme: it is material that candidates might use, grouped according to each assessment objective tested by the question. It is hoped that candidates will respond to questions in a variety of ways. Rigid demands for 'what must be a good answer' would lead to a distorted assessment.
- 3 Candidates' answers must be relevant to the question. Beware of seemingly prepared answers that do not show the candidate's thought and which have not been adapted to the thrust of the question. Beware also of answers where candidates attempt to reproduce interpretations and concepts that they have been taught but have only partially understood.

Awarding Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar to scripts with a scribe coversheet

a. If a script has a **scribe cover sheet** it is vital to check which boxes are ticked and award as per the instructions and grid below:

- Assess the work for SPaG in accordance with the normal marking criteria. The initial assessment must be made as if the candidate had not used a scribe (or word processor) and was eligible for all the SPaG marks.
- Check the cover sheet to see what has been dictated (or what facilities were disabled on the word processor) and therefore what proportion of marks is available to the candidate.
- Convert the SPaG mark to reflect the correct proportion using the conversion table given below.

SPaG mark awarded	Mark if candidate eligible for one third (e.g. grammar only)	Mark if candidate eligible for two thirds (e.g. grammar and punctuation only)
0	0	0
1	0	1
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	1	3
5	2	3

b. If a script has a **word processor cover sheet** attached to it the candidate **can** still access SPaG marks (see point a. above) unless the cover sheet states that the checking functionality is enabled, in which case no SPaG marks are available.

c. If a script has a **word processor cover sheet AND a scribe cover sheet** attached to it, see point a. above.

d. If you come across a typewritten script **without** a cover sheet please check with the OCR Special Requirements Team at specialrequirements@ocr.org.uk who can check what access arrangements were agreed.

e. If the script has a **transcript, Oral Language Modifier, Sign Language Interpreter or a Practical Assistant cover sheet**, award SPaG as normal.

International Relations: the changing international order 1918–c.2001

1. Outline the actions of Al-Qaeda in the period 1995–2001.

Assessment Objectives	AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [5]
Additional Guidance	All content is indicative only and any other correct examples should also be credited.

2. Explain why countries lost confidence in the League of Nations in the 1930s.

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 3 Response demonstrates a range of detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. This is presented as a narrative that shows a clear understanding of the sequence or concurrence of events.	<p>Level 3 answers will typically outline the reason(s) / motive(s) / consequence(s) for the actions of Al-Qaeda in the period 1995–2001 supported by at least one example, OR describe two examples of their actions e.g.</p> <p><i>The actions of Al-Qaeda were inspired by hatred of Western democracies and the belief that they should wage war against their enemies. They tried to cause as many American deaths as possible, for example the 1998 attacks on American embassies in Africa, which made Americans abroad feel less secure.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>Al-Qaeda attacked the Twin Towers in New York. There were over 3000 casualties when they flew two planes into the World Trade Centre. They also attacked the Pentagon and another plane crashed because the passengers fought back. They also launched a suicide attack on a US warship, the USS Cole [2]. 17 sailors were killed when a boat packed with explosives was driven straight into them by an Al Qaeda cell.</i></p>	4–5
Level 2 Response demonstrates some accurate knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. This is presented as a narrative that shows some understanding of the sequence or concurrence of events.	<p>Level 2 answers will typically identify two examples of their actions OR identify and describe one example of their actions e.g.</p> <p><i>In 2000 an Al-Qaeda terrorist cell launched a suicide attack on a US warship, the USS Cole [2]. 17 sailors were killed when a boat packed with explosives was driven straight into them.[3]</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>Al-Qaeda's development aimed to attack Western democracies who they believed were a threat and enemy to Islam.[3]</i></p>	2–3
Level 1 Response includes some knowledge that is relevant to the question.	<p>Level 1 answers will typically identify one example of Al-Qaeda actions</p> <p>OR outline one or more events with little or no reference to the actions of Al-Qaeda e.g.</p> <p>9/11 attack</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>There was a war on terror</i></p> <p><i>There was tension in the Middle East</i></p> <p><i>President Bush blamed Iraq</i></p> <p><i>The Taliban were powerful in Afghanistan</i></p>	1
Level 0 No response or no response worthy of credit.		0

Assessment Objectives	AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [5] AO2: Explain and analyse historical events and periods studied using second order historical concepts. [5]
Additional Guidance	The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response. The 'Indicative content' shown is not a full exemplar answer, but exemplifies the sophistication expected at each level. No reward can be given for wider knowledge of the period that remains unrelated to the topic in the question.

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 5 Response demonstrates a range of detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. This is used to develop a full explanation and thorough, convincing analysis, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question.	<p>Level 5 answers will typically identify at least two reasons why countries lost confidence in the League of Nations in the 1930s and explain them fully e.g.</p> <p><i>Countries lost confidence in the League in the 1930s for several reasons. One reason was the Manchurian Crisis. In 1931 Japan, who was a leading member of the League, invaded Manchuria in China. The League lacked an army, and instead of intervening sent Lord Lytton to carry out an investigation. This took almost a year, by which time Japan had taken control of Manchuria and then left the League when asked to return it to China. This made countries lose confidence in the League as they had failed to stop the invasion or control one of their own members. Another reason was the Abyssinian Crisis. In 1935 Italy – another member of the League – invaded Abyssinia in Africa. Again the League did very little, and in fact Britain and France tried to make a secret deal with Mussolini to give him part of Abyssinia which caused great embarrassment when it became public. Mussolini conquered Abyssinia and left the League. The main members of the League of Nations had failed to protect smaller countries and acted in their own self-interest, which again caused countries to lose confidence in it.</i></p> <p>THRESHOLD ANSWERS</p> <p><i>Countries lost confidence in the League because of Japan's invasion of Manchuria. Japan was a leading member of the League but it still acted aggressively and did not use the League to solve its dispute. This went against everything the League stood for and when it left, the League had been weakened.</i></p> <p><i>When the League failed to get Italy out of Abyssinia countries also lost confidence in it. It tried to use economic sanctions but did too little too late, and some of its own members refused to stop trading in coal so sanctions weren't very successful. The sanctions didn't stop Italy and in the end it continued its conquest and nothing more was done.</i></p>	9–10
Level 4 Response demonstrates a range of accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. This is used to develop a full explanation and analysis, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question.	Level 4 answers will typically identify at least one reason why countries lost confidence in the League of Nations in the 1930s and explain it fully e.g.	7–8
Level 3		5–6

<p>Response demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. This is linked to an analysis and explanation, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question.</p>	<p>Level 3 answers will typically identify and/or describe one or more reasons why countries lost confidence in the League but will not explain e.g.</p> <p><i>Countries lost confidence in the League because the Disarmament Conference it held in the early 1930s failed.</i></p> <p><i>Countries like Germany and Italy left the League, making countries lose confidence in it.</i></p> <p><i>The Hoare-Laval Pact between Britain, France and Italy made countries lose confidence in the League.</i></p>	
<p>Level 2</p> <p>Response demonstrates some knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. This is used to attempt a basic explanation, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question.</p>	<p>Level 2 answers will typically contain description of events linked to the weakness of the League of Nations in the 1930s.</p> <p><i>In 1935 Mussolini invaded Abyssinia, to gain land and raw materials. The Abyssinian emperor Haile Selassie made a speech at the League demanding action be taken against Mussolini, and eventually the League agreed to impose sanctions on Italy but this took time to introduce and did not include coal and oil.</i></p>	<p>3–4</p>
<p>Level 1</p> <p>Response demonstrates basic knowledge that is relevant to the topic of the question. There is an attempt at a very basic explanation of the issue in the question, which may be close to assertion. Second order historical concepts are not used explicitly, but some very basic understanding of these is apparent in the answer.</p>	<p>Level 1 answers will typically assert general reasons not specific to the weakness of the League of Nations e.g. <i>Hitler got stronger.</i></p> <p><i>There was a greater chance of war in the 1930s.</i></p>	<p>1–2</p>
<p>Level 0</p> <p>No response or no response worthy of credit.</p>		<p>0</p>

3. Do you think this interpretation is a fair comment on Chamberlain and the policy of Appeasement between 1937 and 1939? Use your knowledge and other interpretations of Appeasement between these dates to support your answer.

Assessment Objectives	AO4 (a and d): Analyse, evaluate and make substantiated judgements about interpretations in the context of historical events studied. [20] AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [5]
Additional Guidance	<p>The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.</p> <p>The 'Indicative content' shown is not a full exemplar answer, but exemplifies the sophistication expected at each level.</p>

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 5	<p>Level 5 answers will typically argue that Interpretation A is fair/unfair supported by developed use of two other interpretations OR developed use of one other interpretation and evaluation of Interpretation A based on the context of A e.g</p> <p><i>Interpretation A is arguing that British policy towards Germany was a mistake and Chamberlain was foolish to trust Hitler, because Hitler had a track record of not keeping his promises.</i></p> <p><i>In some ways this is a fair comment because historians writing immediately after the Second World War believed that Chamberlain misjudged Hitler and so appeasement was a mistake. They argued that whilst it was morally right to try and avoid war, giving in to Hitler was not going to work and so appeasement was a miscalculation. These historians would have agreed with Cato that Hitler could not have been trusted and that appeasement was not the right policy to use.</i></p> <p><i>[Candidates might refer to Churchill's 'The Gathering Storm' or to the orthodox school of thought; this is not a requirement but should be credited]</i></p> <p><i>On the other hand, people in 1938 would not have thought Interpretation A to be a fair comment on British policy towards Germany at the time. They thought that appeasement was the right policy, that war should be avoided at all costs and that Chamberlain was right to trust Hitler. Chamberlain received thousands of letters of support in 1938 and these people would have felt Cato's comments to be unfair.</i></p> <p><i>[Candidates might refer to the 'popular majority view'; this is not a requirement but should be given credit]</i></p> <p>NB: Answers at this level can be one-sided or balanced provided they are sufficiently developed and supported.</p> <p>Nutshell: Developed use of other interpretations or context (of A) to support/challenge Interpretation A</p> <p>NB: Answers at this level can be one-sided or balanced provided they are sufficiently developed and supported.</p> <p>NOTE For L5 candidates need to make clear which aspect(s) of Interpretation A they believe to be fair/unfair</p>	21–25

Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has a developed analysis and evaluation of the given interpretation and of other interpretations studied in order to make a fully supported judgement of the interpretations in the context of historical events studied to answer the question. The response demonstrates a range of accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. 	<p>Level 4 answers will typically argue that Interpretation A is fair/unfair supported by developed use of one other interpretation or the context of Interpretation A eg</p> <p><i>Interpretation A is saying appeasement was a bad policy.</i></p> <p><i>Historians writing in the 1960s to the 1980s would disagree with this, so the interpretation isn't fair. They would argue that because of Britain's economic and military position appeasement was the best policy in the circumstances and held off war for as long as possible.</i></p> <p><i>[Answers might refer to the revisionist school of thought or to specific historians such as Taylor or Watt. This is not required but should be credited]</i></p> <p>Nutshell: Developed use of ONE interpretation or context (of A) to support / challenge Interpretation A</p> <p>NOTE For L4 candidates need to make clear which aspect(s) of Interpretation A they believe to be fair/unfair</p>	16–20
Level 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has some analysis and evaluation of the given interpretation and of other interpretations studied, and uses this to make a partially supported judgement of the interpretations in the context of historical events studied to answer the question. The response demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. 	<p>Level 3 answers will typically argue that Interpretation A is fair/unfair supported by relevant factual knowledge OR undeveloped use of relevant interpretation(s) eg</p> <p><i>This comment is fair because Hitler went on to prove he could not be trusted. The Munich Agreement involved Britain and France agreeing that Hitler would be allowed to occupy the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia as Germans lived there, but that he would make no more claims for land. Several months later Hitler went on to invade the rest of Czechoslovakia which proves that he could not be trusted and makes the opinion expressed in Interpretation A a fair one.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>Counter-revisionists writing in the 1990s would agree with Cato that appeasement was not the right policy</i></p> <p>Nutshell: Valid argument based on contextual knowledge OR valid but undeveloped use of interpretation(s)</p> <p>NOTE For L3 candidates need to make clear which aspect(s) of Interpretation A they believe to be fair/unfair</p>	11–15
Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has some analysis and evaluation of the given interpretation and limited evaluation of other interpretations studied, and links this to a judgement of the given interpretation in the context of 	<p>Level 2 answers will typically describe interpretation(s) without explaining whether it/they support or contradict Interpretation A eg</p> <p><i>Interpretation A is being critical of appeasement. Another view was that of the revisionist historians who thought appeasement was a good policy. Winston Churchill said that appeasement was a mistake.</i></p> <p><i>NB: Cannot be based on a misunderstanding of interpretation</i></p>	6–10

<p>historical events studied to answer the question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response demonstrates some knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. 	<p>Nutshell: Describes interpretation(s) but fails to address question</p>	
<p>Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has a basic analysis of the given interpretation and evaluates it in terms of the question. Other interpretations may be mentioned but there is no analysis or evaluation of them. The response demonstrates basic knowledge that is relevant to the topic of the question. 	<p>Level 1 answers will typically contain general points about Interpretation A accompanied by basic knowledge or a general statement about other interpretations e.g.</p> <p><i>Cato thinks that Hitler shouldn't be trusted.</i> <i>This shows what people thought in 1940.</i> <i>I agree that Mr Chamberlain was wrong to have trusted Hitler when he had lied in the past.</i></p> <p>NB: Place in this level answers which seem to show some knowledge of context or other interpretations but have misunderstood interpretation A</p> <p>Nutshell: Shows understanding of A/unsupported assertions about fairness</p>	<p>1–5</p>
<p>Level 0 No response or no response worthy of credit.</p>		<p>0</p>

4. Study Interpretation B. Explain why not all historians and commentators have agreed with this interpretation of the early stages of the Cold War. Use other interpretations and your knowledge to support your answer.

Assessment Objectives	AO4 (a, b and c): Analyse individual interpretations and how and why interpretations differ. [10] AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [5] AO2: Explain and analyse historical events and periods studied using second order historical concepts. [5]
Additional Guidance	The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response. The 'Indicative content' shown is not a full exemplar answer, but exemplifies the sophistication expected at each level.

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 5	<p>Level 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response analyses the given interpretation, and compares and contrasts a range of aspects of the given interpretation with aspects of other interpretations studied, to produce a thorough, detailed analysis of how the interpretations differ. There is a fully supported and convincing analysis of why the given interpretation and other interpretations differ, explained in terms of when the interpretations were created and their place within the wider historical debate. Response demonstrates a range of detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. This is used to develop a full explanation and thorough, convincing analysis, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question. <p>Level 5 answers will typically provide developed explanations of how historian(s) or commentator(s) from two periods have disagreed with particular aspect(s) of Interpretation B and explain why at least <u>one of them</u> disagrees, eg</p> <p><i>Williams is arguing that the United States was to blame for the Cold War because aggressive American policies left the USSR with no choice but to confront America. Most Western historians writing during the early Cold War would disagree with Williams as they argued that the Soviet Union was responsible for the Cold War and that their attempts to spread Communism in Europe and the wider world caused the tension. Many of these writers were influenced by the Red Scare in America in the early 1950s when it was widely believed that Soviet agents were trying to infiltrate American society and destroy it, so this would affect their views of history. Some American historians had connections with the US government at the time so they would be unlikely to criticise their own government and this influenced their view that the USSR was responsible for the Cold War.</i></p> <p><i>[Either example given here of the reason for difference would be sufficient for credit in Level 5]</i></p> <p><i>Many historians writing in the 1970s and 1980s would also have disagreed with Williams, as they believed that the Cold War arose because neither the USA nor the USSR were able to understand each other's motives, and these misunderstandings led to the Cold War. After the shock of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 there had been a gradual improvement in relations between the USA and USSR symbolised by the process of détente. This influenced historians to think less of blame and more of misunderstandings. They argued that the USA exaggerated the threat Russia posed and the USSR mistakenly believed American actions were aggressive. As they attributed some of the responsibility to Russia they would have disagreed with Williams.</i></p> <p><i>[Candidates might refer to schools of thought such as orthodoxy or post-revisionism, or to specific historians such as Feis or Gaddis. These could be given additional credit but are not required to reach the level]</i></p> <p>Nutshell: Valid explanation of how views from two periods disagree, with explanation as to why at least one is different: HW H. NOTE: For L5 cards need to make clear which aspect(s) of Interpretation B are contradicted / supported</p>	17–20 

Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response analyses the given interpretation, and compares and contrasts some aspects of the given interpretation with aspects of other interpretations studied, to produce an analysis of how the interpretations differ. There is a supported analysis of why the given interpretation and other interpretations differ, explained in terms of when the interpretations were created and their place within the wider historical debate. Response demonstrates a range of accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. This is used to develop a full explanation and analysis, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question. 	<p>Level 4 answers will explain how or why historians from two different periods agree or disagree with particular aspect(s) of interpretation B. OR will explain how and why historians from one period agree or disagree.</p> <p><i>Williams is arguing that the United States was to blame for the Cold War because aggressive American policies left the USSR with no choice but to confront America. Most Western historians writing during the early Cold War would disagree with Williams as they argued that the Soviet Union was responsible for the Cold War and that their attempts to spread Communism in Europe and the wider world caused the tension.</i></p> <p><i>Many historians writing in the 1970s and 1980s would also have disagreed with Williams, as they believed that the Cold War arose because neither the USA nor the USSR were able to understand each other's motives, and these misunderstandings led to the Cold War. They argued that the USA exaggerated the threat Russia posed and the USSR mistakenly believed American actions were aggressive. As they blamed Russia the most they would have disagreed with Williams.</i></p> <p><i>[Candidates might refer to schools of thought such as orthodoxy or post-revisionism, or to specific historians such as Feis or Gaddis. These could be given additional credit but are not required to reach the level]</i></p> <p>Nutshell: 2H different periods or 2W different periods or H+W same period or H+W different periods</p> <p>NOTE: For L4 candidates need to make clear which aspect(s) of Interpretation B are contradicted / supported</p> <p>NB: Agreements can reach this level.</p>	13–16
Level 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response analyses the given interpretation, and compares and contrasts a few aspects of the given interpretation with aspects of other interpretations studied, to produce a partial analysis how the interpretations differ. There is some analysis of why the given interpretation and other interpretations differ, explained in terms of when the interpretations were created and their place within the wider historical debate. Response demonstrates accurate knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. This is linked to an analysis and explanation, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question. 	<p>Level 3 answers will typically explain how historian(s) and commentator(s) have agreed OR disagreed with particular aspect(s) of Interpretation B, eg</p> <p><i>Williams is arguing that the United States was to blame for the Cold War because aggressive American policies left the USSR with no choice but to confront America. Most Western historians writing during the early Cold War would disagree with Williams as they argued that the Soviet Union was responsible for the Cold War and that their attempts to spread Communism in Eastern Europe and the wider world caused the tension.</i></p> <p>Alternatively answers will explain valid reasons why historians from one period disagrees or agrees but fail to explain how, e.g</p> <p><i>Most Western historians writing during the early Cold War would disagree with Williams. Many of these writers were influenced by the Red Scare in America in the early 1950s when it was widely believed that Soviet agents were trying to infiltrate American society and destroy it, so this would affect their views of history. American popular culture produced films like 'Invasion of the Body Snatchers' which also influenced historians.</i></p> <p>Nutshell: Explains how or why historian from one period agrees or disagrees (H or W) NB: For L3 candidates need to make clear which aspect(s) of Interpretation B are contradicted / supported</p>	9–12

Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response analyses the given interpretation, and compares and contrasts a few aspects of the given interpretation with aspects of at least one other interpretation studied, to show how the interpretations differ. There is a basic explanation of why the given interpretation and the other interpretation(s) differ, explained in terms of when the interpretations were created and their place within the wider historical debate. Response demonstrates some knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. This is used to attempt a basic explanation, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question. 	<p>Level 2 answers will typically identify historian(s) who have agreed OR disagreed with Interpretation B but fail to explain how or why OR will provide a chronological overview of the historiography but not examine interpretation B, or misunderstand it, eg:</p> <p><i>Historians writing in the 1980s would not have agreed with Interpretation B that the United States was responsible for the Cold War.</i></p> <p><u>Alternatively</u></p> <p>Level 2 answers will give a basic but correct account of the historiography e.g</p> <p><i>Orthodox historians argued that the USSR caused the Cold War, but revisionist historians said it was the USA's fault. Post-revisionist historians then said it was down to both sides.</i></p> <p>Nutshell: Identifies historians / schools of thought / periods but fails to address particular aspect(s) of Interpretation B</p> <p>NOTE: The term 'many historians' or similar expressions is not sufficient for L2 as its too unspecific- time period, school of thought or a named historian needed.</p>	5-8
Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response compares the candidate's own knowledge and understanding to the interpretation, or uses knowledge and understanding of the time in which it was created, to analyse the given interpretation. There is no consideration or no relevant consideration of any other interpretations. Response demonstrates basic knowledge that is relevant to the topic of the question. There is an attempt at a very basic explanation of the issue in the question, which may be close to assertion. Second order historical concepts are not used explicitly, but some very basic understanding of these is apparent in the answer. 	<p>Level 1 answers will typically make general assertions about Interpretation B or give their own critique of it e.g.</p> <p><i>Some historians would argue that both sides were responsible for causing the Cold War.</i></p> <p><i>Interpretation B is biased against the USA.</i></p> <p>Nutshell: General assertions/own critique</p> <p>NOTE: Award at this level if candidates give their own critique of B (ie not the views of other historians). This may well be phrased as 'other historians' but is in fact the candidate's own view using contextual knowledge.</p>	1-4
Level 0 No response or no response worthy of credit.		0

Section B
China 1950–1981: The People and the State

5. Describe **one** example of the role of young people during the Cultural Revolution.

Assessment Objectives	AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [2]
Additional Guidance	All content is indicative only and any other correct examples of the role of young people during the Cultural Revolution should also be credited. 2 egs or one eg explained= 2 marks.

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
N/A Points marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One example would be that many young people joined the Red Guards movement during the Cultural Revolution [1]. They destroyed things that represented traditional Chinese society, such as religious shrines and books about Confucius [2].</i> • <i>One example would be the way young people were sent to the countryside later in the Cultural Revolution [1]. They were told to 'learn from the peasants' and as a result many lost the chance of an education [2].</i> 	2

6. Explain why Mao launched the Cultural Revolution in 1966.

Assessment Objectives	AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [5] AO2: Explain and analyse historical events and periods studied using second order historical concepts. [5]
Additional Guidance	The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response. The 'Indicative content' shown is not a full exemplar answer, but exemplifies the sophistication expected at each level. No reward can be given for wider knowledge of the period that remains unrelated to the topic in the question.

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 5	<p>Level 5 answers will typically identify two reasons and explain them fully, e.g.</p> <p><i>One reason Mao launched the Cultural Revolution was to change the path China was following to Communism. Under Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping, China had followed economic policies which Mao felt were taking China down a 'capitalist road' and was leading to more inequality in Chinese society. Mao wanted to purge the Party of these 'capitalist roaders' like Liu and Deng, and the Cultural Revolution was started to allow him to do so.</i></p> <p><i>Another reason for the Cultural Revolution was to strengthen Mao's position in the Party. After the failure of the Great Leap Forward Mao had given up some of his Party roles and taken more of a back seat in politics, and his power had dwindled. Mao was not ready to give up his position of authority and so launched a Cultural Revolution which emphasised Mao's personality cult and leadership qualities and restored his position as the unopposed leader of China.</i></p> <p>THRESHOLD EXPLANATIONS</p> <p><i>One reason was because Mao was unhappy with the way communism was going in China. He thought it was too close to capitalism. Because of that he launched the Cultural Revolution to put it on the right path again.</i></p> <p><i>Another reason was to strengthen his position in the Party. Mao had given up some of his party roles after the failure of the Great Leap Forward. The Cultural Revolution helped him win back power by emphasizing his personality cult and restored his position as the unopposed leader.</i></p>	9–10
Level 4	Level 4 answers will typically identify one reason and explain it fully, e.g.	7–8

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response demonstrates a range of accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. This is used to develop a full explanation and analysis, using second order historical concepts, of the issue in the question. 	<p><i>Mao launched the Cultural Revolution to transform Chinese society. Although China had changed significantly under the Communists, many Chinese traditions remained, such as Confucianism and respect for the family. Mao felt that Communism would not truly succeed in China unless these traditions were removed, and began the Cultural Revolution to remove what he called the 'Four Olds' from Chinese society.</i></p>	
Level 3	<p>Level 3 answers will typically identify and describe one or more reasons e.g.</p> <p><i>Mao had lost some of his power in China by 1966 and this is why he launched the Cultural Revolution. He was linked to the failure of the Great Leap Forward and 'pragmatists' like Deng Xiaoping and Liu Shaoqi had taken over the running of the economy, leaving Mao feeling out in the cold.</i></p>	5–6
Level 2	<p>Level 2 answers will typically contain description of events that is linked to the issue in the question e.g.</p> <p><i>The Cultural Revolution destroyed many of the old ways in China. There were a series of new plays which were all about glorifying Communism and ignoring traditions, and Mao was shown as a brilliant leader through things like the 'Little Red Book'.</i></p>	3–4
Level 1	<p>Level 1 answers will typically contain general points e.g.</p> <p><i>He launched the Cultural Revolution to make big changes in China and the way things were done.</i></p> <p>.</p>	1–2
Level 0	No response or no response worthy of credit.	0

7. Study Sources A and B. How reliable are these sources as evidence of the development of the Chinese economy between 1950 and 1965?

Assessment Objectives	AO3 (a): Analyse sources contemporary to the period. [10]
Additional Guidance	<p>Analysis of a single source, no matter how thorough, cannot achieve more than the top mark in Level 2.</p> <p>For Level 3, a reasonable coverage of both sources and a balance between the treatment of sources is expected.</p> <p>No marks must be awarded for demonstration of knowledge and/or understanding in isolation, knowledge and understanding can only be credited where it is clearly and intrinsically linked to analysis of the source.</p> <p>The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.</p> <p>The 'Indicative content' shown is not a full exemplar answer, but exemplifies the sophistication expected at each level.</p>

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 3	<p>Level 3 answers will typically assess the reliability of the source(s) as evidence about Chinese industry between 1950 and 1965 based on an evaluation of one or both sources using source content, provenance or relevant context, e.g..</p> <p><i>I think Source A is reliable as evidence of the how the Chinese economy developed as it is showing how important the Chinese government thought steel production was for China to modernise. This is definitely the case, as by 1956 China was in the middle of the First Five Year Plan, intended to increase industrialisation in China, and steel was at the heart of this, vital for making trains, armaments and machines for industry. When the Plan finished in 1957 many of the targets had been achieved, and the target for steel was actually beaten. So the claim being made in Source A is valid; steel was at the heart of the way the Chinese economy was developing, and production of steel was increasing.</i></p> <p><i>Source B is also reliable as evidence of how the Chinese economy developed. As it comes from Mao it might be expected to say only positive things about the economy as he would want to emphasise its success to a party official and take the credit. However Mao is acknowledging that there are problems, making the source more trustworthy. By 1959 the Second Five Year Plan – or 'Great Leap Forward' – had run into problems. The drive in the communes to produce steel in backyard furnaces had led to famine and poor quality steel, and Mao is saying that 'things are difficult'. As the content of the source fits what I know about the Chinese economy at the time, it is reliable as evidence.</i></p>	7–10

Level 2	<p>Level 2 answers will typically assess the reliability of the source(s) in general terms based on evaluation of one or both sources, e.g.</p> <p><i>I don't think Source A is reliable because it is just propaganda from the Chinese government. After campaigns like the Three and Five Antis, the Chinese people were scared to speak out and so just accepted what the government told them, and so the poster will exaggerate.</i></p> <p><i>I also don't trust Source B, because Mao was the leader of the Chinese Communist Party so he will want to paint Communism in the best light possible and wouldn't say anything negative about this especially to a party official. This is why he is playing down the problems in the source.</i></p> <p>NB: Towards the bottom of the level, answers will concentrate on only one of the two sources</p>	3–6
Level 1	<p>Level 1 answers will typically assert reliability in general terms with limited or no support from the sources, e.g.</p> <p><i>Source A doesn't contain any facts or figures.</i></p> <p><i>Source B is just the opinion of one man.</i></p> <p><i>These sources only tell me about two years.</i></p>	1–2
Level 0 No response or no response worthy of credit.		0

8.* 'Deng Xiaoping allowed greater freedoms in China between 1976 and 1981 than under Mao's earlier leadership'. How far do you agree?

Assessment Objectives	AO2: Explain and analyse historical events and periods studied using second-order historical concepts. [10] AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied. [8]
Additional Guidance	<p>The 'Indicative content' is an example of historically valid content; any other historically valid content is acceptable and should be credited in line with the levels of response.</p> <p>Answers at Level 4 require one point on each side of the argument and one element of support. Answers with more valid support than this should be awarded L5</p> <p>The 'Indicative content' shown is not a full exemplar answer, but exemplifies the sophistication expected at each level.</p> <p>No reward can be given for wider knowledge of the period that remains unrelated to the topic in the question.</p>

Levels	Indicative content	Marks
Level 5	<p>Level 5 answers will typically construct a balanced answer which uses a range of explained supporting evidence explicitly to support the argument being made e.g.</p> <p><i>In some ways I agree with this statement, because Deng brought more freedom to Chinese peasants, who made up most of China's population. After the death of Mao the large communes were broken up and peasants were allowed to rent land and choose how to farm it, keeping any profits that they made. This gave the peasants more freedom as their lives were less controlled by the government. Deng also allowed greater freedom in education, because he introduced policies that expanded Chinese universities and students were encouraged to travel abroad to learn in Western universities. Before 1976 it was almost impossible for people to leave China and so this brought greater freedom.</i></p> <p><i>On the other hand, I don't fully agree because there was still a great deal of repression in China. After Mao's death the 'Gang of Four' – senior Communists including Mao's wife – were arrested and in 1980 they were given long prison sentences for opposing the ideas of the government. This shows that there was no greater freedom, as opposition was not tolerated, even within the Communist Party itself. Repression was also used against the Chinese people. In 1979, Deng launched a crackdown on democracy campaigners who had set up a 'democracy wall' in Beijing the year before. There were many arrests and several campaigners including Wei Jingsheng were imprisoned. There was no greater freedom in China under Deng as free speech was not permitted.</i></p> <p><i>On balance I believe that whilst some parts of Chinese society saw greater freedoms, the political system did not change from an oppressive one Party state and so these freedoms were very limited indeed.</i></p> <p>NB: 18 marks: At least 3 explained examples plus a clinching argument 15-17 marks: 3 explained examples</p>	15–18

Level 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has a full explanation and analysis of the historical events/periods, which uses relevant second order historical concepts, and is used to develop a fully supported answer to the question. This is supported by a range of accurate knowledge and understanding that is fully relevant to the question. <i>There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear, relevant and logically structured.</i> 	<p>Level 4 answers will typically set out a one-sided argument supported by at least two valid explained examples e.g.</p> <p><i>Deng did not allow the Chinese people greater freedoms. A good example is the One Child Policy, introduced in 1980 to combat China's growing population. Women were not allowed to marry until they reached 20 years of age, were only allowed one child and could even be sterilized once they had a child to enforce the policy. This law controlled women's lives even more than before, and was the opposite of greater freedom.</i></p> <p><i>Another example that shows the statement is not correct was the crackdown on the democracy movement in China in 1979. People demanding a 'Fifth Modernisation' – democracy – had set up a democracy wall in Beijing in 1978 and the following year Deng arrested many of the protestors who received long prison sentences. Freedom of speech was clearly not tolerated in China, which shows there were no greater freedoms allowed under Deng.</i></p> <p>Alternatively, Level 4 answers will construct a balanced argument with each side explicitly supported by one example eg</p> <p><i>I agree with this statement, because Deng gave more freedom to Chinese peasants. After the death of Mao the large communes were broken up and peasants were allowed to rent land and choose how to farm it, keeping any profits that they made. Deng is supposed to have said 'to get rich is glorious'. This gave the peasants more freedom as their lives were less controlled by the government after 1976.</i></p> <p><i>On the other hand, I don't fully agree with the statement because there was still a great deal of repression in China. After Mao's death the 'Gang of Four' – senior Communists including Mao's wife – were arrested and in 1980 they were given long prison sentences for opposing the ideas of the government. This shows that there was no greater freedom as opposition was not tolerated, even within the Communist Party itself.</i></p> <p>NB: 14 marks- reserve for clinching argument. Standard mark is 12 marks unless one of points/examples developed well.</p>	11–14
Level 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has an analysis and explanation of the historical events/period, which uses relevant second order historical concepts, and is 	<p>Level 3 answers will typically construct a one-sided argument with support from one valid example explained, e.g.</p> <p><i>I agree, because Deng allowed greater freedom in education. He introduced policies that expanded Chinese universities and students were encouraged to travel abroad to learn in Western universities. Before 1976 it was almost impossible for people to leave China and so this brought greater freedom.</i></p>	7–10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> used to give a supported answer to the question. This is supported by accurate knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. <i>There is a line of reasoning presented which is mostly relevant and which has some structure.</i> 		
Level 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has an explanation about the historical events/period, which uses relevant second order historical concepts, and gives an answer to the question set. This is supported by some knowledge and understanding that is relevant to the question. <i>There is a line of reasoning which has some relevance and which is presented with limited structure.</i> 	<p>Level 2 answers will typically identify and describe events or developments relating to whether Deng Xiaoping allowed greater freedoms, e.g.</p> <p><i>Imprisoning the Gang of Four shows that the old ways of oppression were not allowed.</i></p> <p><i>The One Child Policy restricted women's freedoms.</i></p> <p><i>Students were allowed the freedom to travel abroad to study.</i></p> <p><i>Peasants were allowed to keep the profits they earned.</i></p> <p><i>Freedom of speech was not permitted, as seen by Wei Jingsheng's arrest.</i></p> <p><i>Government propaganda continued to influence people's minds, showing a lack of free thought.</i></p>	4–6
Level 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response has a basic explanation about the historical events/period in the question, though the specific question may be answered only partially or the answer may be in the form of assertion that is 	<p>Level 1 answers will typically make general assertions, e.g.</p> <p><i>Deng gave greater freedoms to some Chinese people but not for others.</i></p>	1–3

<p>not supported by the preceding explanation. Second order historical concepts are not used explicitly, but some very basic understanding of these is apparent in the answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is basic knowledge that is relevant to the topic of the question.• <i>The information is communicated in a basic/unstructured way.</i>		
<p>Level 0 No response or no response worthy of credit.</p>		0

Spelling, punctuation and grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPaG) mark scheme

High performance 4–5 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy• Learners use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall• Learners use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate
Intermediate performance 2–3 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy• Learners use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall• Learners use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate
Threshold performance 1 mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners spell and punctuate with reasonable accuracy• Learners use rules of grammar with some control of meaning and any errors do not significantly hinder meaning overall• Learners use a limited range of specialist terms as appropriate
No marks awarded 0 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The learner writes nothing• The learner's response does not relate to the question• The learner's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar severely hinder meaning

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