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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Generic Level Descriptors for Paper 2

SECTION A Question (a)

Targets: AO1 (6 marks): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–2	Simple, valid comment is offered about feature(s) with limited or no supporting information
2	3–4	Features of the period are identified and information about them is added. Maximum 3 marks for an answer dealing with only one feature.
3	5–6	Features of the period are explained showing good knowledge and understanding of the period studied.

Section A: Question (b)

Target: AO3 (8 marks): Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–2	Answers make simple valid comment that identifies agreement or difference but with limited source use. Simple comprehension of the source material is shown by the extraction or paraphrase of some content.
2	3–5	Answer offers valid comment that identifies agreement and/or difference, using sources. Comprehension and some analysis of the sources is shown by the selection and use of material to support a comparison. Both agreement and disagreement must be identified for 5 marks.
3	6–8	Answer provides an explained evaluation of the extent of support. The sources are cross-referred and comparisons used to support reasoning about the extent of support.

Section A: Question (c)

Targets: AO3 (10 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources.

AO4 (6 marks) Analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–4	- Answers offers simple, valid comment to agree with or counter the interpretation. - Limited analysis of the provided materials is shown by selection and inclusion of some detail in the form of simple paraphrase or direct quotation. - Generalised contextual knowledge is included and linked to the evaluation. - The overall judgement is missing or asserted.
2	5-8	- Answers offers valid comment to agree with or counter the interpretation. - Some analysis is shown in selecting and including details from the provided materials to support this comment. - Some relevant contextual knowledge is included and linked to the evaluation. - An overall judgement is given but it's justification is insecure or undeveloped and a line of reasoning is not sustained.
3	9-12	- Answer provides an explained evaluation, agreeing or disagreeing with the interpretation. - Good analysis of the provided materials is shown, indication differences and deploying this to support the evaluation. - Relevant contextual knowledge is used directly to support the evaluation. - An overall judgement is given with some justification and a line of reasoning is generally sustained.
4	13-16	- Answer provides an explained evaluation reviewing alternative views in coming to a sustained judgement. - Precise analysis of the provided materials is shown, indicating differences, and deploying this material to support the evaluation. - Relevant contextual knowledge is precisely selected and used directly to support the evaluation. - An overall judgement is justified and the line of reasoning is coherent, sustained and logically structured.

Section B Question (a)

Targets: AO1 (2 marks) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.

AO2 (4 marks) Explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied using second-order historical concepts.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–2	- Simple comment is offered about similarity(ies)/difference(s). [AO2] - Generalised information about the topic is included, showing limited knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]
2	3–4	- Similarities/differences are explained. [AO2] - Specific information about the topic is added to support the explanation [AO1] Maximum 3 marks for an answer dealing with only one similarity / difference.
3	5–6	- Similarities/differences are explained, making explicit comparisons [AO2] - Specific information about both periods is added to support the comparison [AO1]

Section B: Question (b)

Targets: AO1 (4 marks) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.

AO2 (4 marks) Explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied using second-order historical concepts.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–2	- Simple comment is offered about cause(s). [AO2] - Generalised information about the topic is included, showing limited knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]
2	3–5	- Features of the period are analysed to explain causes. [AO2] - Specific information about the topic is added to support the explanation. [AO1]
3	6–8	- Features of the period are analysed to explain causes and to show how they led to the outcome. [AO2] - Accurate and relevant information is included to support the explanation, showing good knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1]

Section B: Question (c)

Targets: AO1 (7 marks) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.

AO2 (9 marks) Explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied using second-order historical concepts.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–4	• A simple or generalised answer is given, lacking development and organisation. [AO2] • Limited knowledge of the topic is shown. [AO1] • The overall judgement is missing or asserted. [AO2]
2	5–8	• An explanation is given, showing limited analysis and with implicit links to the conceptual focus of the question. It shows some development and organisation of material but a line of reasoning is not sustained. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is added, showing some knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1] • The overall judgement is given but its justification is asserted or insecure. [AO2] Maximum 6 marks for Level 2 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.
3	9–12	• An explanation is given, showing some analysis that is mainly directed at the conceptual focus of the question. It shows a line of reasoning that is generally sustained, although some passages may lack coherence and organisation. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is included, showing good knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] • The overall judgement is given with some justification, but some criteria selected for the required judgement are left implicit or not validly applied. [AO2] Maximum 10 marks for Level 3 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.

4	13-16	• An analytical explanation is given that is directed consistently at the conceptual focus of the question, showing a line of reasoning that is coherent, sustained and logically structured. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is precisely selected to address the question directly, showing wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] • Criteria for the required judgement are justified and applied in the process of reaching the overall judgement. [AO2] No access to Level 4 for answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.
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SECTION A: Historical Investigation

A1: The origins and course of the First World War, 1905-18

Question	
A1 (a)	Describe TWO features of EITHER the Schlieffen Plan OR the sinking of the Lusitania. AO1 (6 marks): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.
Marking instructions Answers must be credited according to candidates' deployment of material in relation to the qualities outlined in the generic level descriptors, given at the beginning of this mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Other relevant material not suggested below must also be credited. Indicative content guidance For example, for the Schlieffen Plan: • The Schlieffen Plan was devised by von Schlieffen, the Chief of the General Staff of the German Army, in 1905. It was a plan to deal with a simultaneous declaration of war on Germany by France and Russia • Under the plan, Germany was to deploy the bulk of its military resources against Russia as soon as Russia started to mobilise its army. When Russia was defeated, within weeks so it was hoped, Germany would attack France. For example, for the sinking of the Lusitania: • The Lusitania was a British ocean liner, which sailed regularly across the Atlantic. It was sunk by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland on the way from New York to Liverpool in May 1915 • Over 1100 people on board the Lusitania were killed, including 128 citizens of the USA. There were calls in the US for the USA to enter the war and the German navy abandoned, temporarily, unrestricted submarine warfare.	

Question	
A1 (b)	How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the British offensive at Amiens in August 1918. Explain your answer. Target: AO3 (8 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources.
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Question	

A1 (c)	Extract C suggests that Germany signed the Armistice in November 1918 mainly because it had been defeated on the battlefield. How far do you agree with this interpretation? Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer. Targets: AO3 (10 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources. AO4 (6 marks) Analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.
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A2: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1905-24

Question	
A2 (a)	Describe TWO features of EITHER the 1905 Revolution OR the abdication of the Tsar. AO1 (6 marks): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.
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Question	
A2 (b)	How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the signing of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in March 1918? Explain your answer. Target: AO3 (8 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, Interpret and cross-refer sources.

Marking instructions

Answers must be credited according to candidates' deployment of material in relation to the qualities outlined in the generic level descriptors, given at the beginning of this mark scheme.

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Both agreement and disagreement must be identified for 5 marks.

Indicative content

Points of agreement may include:

- The sources agree that the Bolsheviks believed they had little choice but to accept the treaty – Source A states 'we had to sign' and Source B that 'we must accept this humiliating Brest-Litovsk treaty'
- The sources agree that Soviet Russia's enemies were planning to attack Russia and crush the Revolution – Source A states that Germany, Britain and France 'had come to an agreement' while Source B expects an 'inevitable' attack 'within days'.

Points of difference may include:

- Source A suggests that Germany deliberately attempted to make the terms of the Treaty unacceptable to Russia to justify a complete destruction of the Soviet government – this is not mentioned in Source B.
- Source B justifies accepting the Treaty on the grounds that Soviet Russia has 'no effective army' – this is not mentioned in Source A.

Points regarding extent may include:

- Sources A and B differ over the reasons that Soviet Russia was forced to sign - A suggests that the Germans, in proposing such a harsh peace, wanted to crush the Bolsheviks, while B emphasises the dire state of the Russian army in March 1918
- The sources strongly agree that, in the circumstances facing the Bolshevik government at the time, there was no other option but to sign the Treaty however harsh it was.

Question	
A2 (c)	Extract C suggests that the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk did more harm than good to the Bolsheviks. How far do you agree with this interpretation? Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer. Targets: AO3 (10 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources. AO4 (6 marks) Analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.
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A3: The USA, 1918-41

Question	
A3 (a)	Describe TWO features of EITHER the Liberty League OR the Wagner Act (1935). AO1 (6 marks): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.
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Question	
A3 (b)	How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the American stock market in the 1920s? Explain your answer. Target: AO3 (8 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources.

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Both agreement and difference must be identified for 5 marks.

Indicative content

Points of agreement may include:

- The sources agree that the value of shares on the stock market did rise. Source A says they have risen 'enormously', whilst Source B talks about how shares 'went up'
- The sources agree that there was money to be made through trading shares. Source A says buying shares can make you rich. Source B says, 'I was making money by buying shares.'

Points of difference may include:

- Source B shows how the stock market could also go down, but Source A gives the message that prices would continue to rise to make people rich
- Source B shows how people could behave foolishly in borrowing money to buy shares, whereas Source A talks about investing 'just' \$15 a week.

Points regarding extent may include:

- There is some agreement between Sources A and B about the possibility of making quick money
- The sources strongly disagree about the risks involved. Source A suggests it was virtually risk-free.

Question	
A3 (c)	Extract C suggests that the Wall Street Crash occurred because investors were 'ready to believe almost anything'. How far do you agree with this interpretation? Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer. Targets: AO3 (10 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources. AO4 (6 marks) Analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.
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A4: The Vietnam Conflict, 1945-75

Question	
A4 (a)	Describe TWO features of EITHER the Ho Chi Minh Trail OR widening the war in Cambodia and Laos. AO1 (6 marks): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.
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Question	
A4 (b)	How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the behaviour of US soldiers towards civilians in Vietnam? Explain your answer. Target: AO3 (8 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, Interpret and cross-refer sources.

Marking instructions

Answers must be credited according to candidates' deployment of material in relation to the qualities outlined in the generic level descriptors, given at the beginning of this mark scheme.

The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Other relevant material not suggested below must also be credited.

Both agreement and disagreement must be identified for 5 marks.

Indicative content

Points of agreement may include:

- The sources agree that the behaviour of US soldiers towards civilians in Vietnam was violent – Source A refers to a range of personal assaults while Source B cites the destruction of the means of everyday life
- The sources agree that this behaviour was deeply resented by the Vietnamese people – Source A refers to their 'anger and hurt' while Source B states that they 'only want to be left alone in peace'.

Points of difference may include:

- Source A states that the violence undertaken by US soldiers was against individuals ('kicked...sexually assaulted...tortured'), whereas in Source B the violence is directed at property ('destroyed villages', 'devastated South Vietnam', 'burning their homes')
- Source A suggests that a major cause of the violence was racism ('we were different') whereas Source B suggests that this behaviour was a result of the pressures placed on US soldiers in Vietnam ('what the USA's leaders made them do').

Points regarding extent may include:

- There are some differences between Sources A and B concerning the motivation of US troops towards civilians
- The sources strongly agree that the behaviour of US soldiers towards civilians in Vietnam was violent and that it caused great resentment amongst the Vietnamese people.

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A4 (c)	Extract C suggests that the effect of the US Army's presence on the Vietnamese people was mainly positive. How far do you agree with this interpretation? Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer. Targets: AO3 (10 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources. AO4 (6 marks) Analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.
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A5: East Germany, 1958-90

Question	
A5 (a)	Describe TWO features of EITHER the Economic System of Socialism (1968-71) OR education in the GDR. AO1 (6 marks): Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the periods studied.
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Question	
A5 (b)	How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the effects on East Berliners of the building of the Berlin Wall? Explain your answer. Target: AO3 (8 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, Interpret and cross-refer sources.

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Both agreement and disagreement must be identified for 5 marks.

Indicative content

Points of agreement may include:

- The sources agree that the building of the Wall had a negative effect on East Berliners – Source A suggests the opposition of the escapee and an East German onlooker, while B provides evidence that some schoolchildren were 'angry and hostile'
- The sources agree that the Wall limited the freedom of citizens in the GDR – Source A describes the need for 'machine gun posts' to prevent escapees while Source B describes the GDR after the Wall as a 'dictatorship' and a 'prison'.

Points of difference may include:

- Source B indicates that some citizens of the GDR welcomed and defended the building of the Wall – this is absent from Source A
- The sources differ on the effects of the Wall on the lives of East Berliners– Source B indicates that they would most miss western 'shops' whereas, in raising the risk to life in crossing it, Source A suggests that the effects of the Wall would be more fundamental.

Points regarding extent may include:

- There is strong difference difference between Sources A and B about the extent of support for the building of the Wall in the GDR and on the nature of its effect on the lives of East Berliners
- The sources strongly agree that the building of the Wall had a negative effect on the citizens remaining in the GDR.

Question	
A5 (c)	Extract C suggests that the Berlin Wall had a positive impact on the citizens of the GDR in the years 1961-63. How far do you agree with this interpretation? Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer. Targets: AO3 (10 marks) Use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources. AO4 (6 marks) Analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.
Marking instructions Answers must be credited according to candidates' deployment of material in relation to the qualities outlined in the generic level descriptors, given at the beginning of this mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Other relevant material not suggested below must also be credited. Indicative content: Relevant points which support the view may include: • Source B refers to the support of some GDR citizens for a 'proper border' able to 'keep bad people out of the country' • Extract C refers to psychological effect on GDR citizens of the building of the Wall – knowing that moving to the West was now impossible they renewed their efforts to create 'a successful society' • Extract C provides evidence of the economic benefits to the GDR and its people of the Wall in that it was 'able to plan its economic policies more effectively' and offer 'more attractive career prospects' • The Wall was positive in that westerners could no longer come across to East Berlin and buy state-subsidised goods at low prices. Also, it prevented the departure of highly-trained professionals, essential to the GDR's economy and quality of life. Relevant points which counter the view may include the following: • Sources A and B provide evidence that negativity surrounded the building of the Wall amongst many citizens of the GDR, especially its effects on their freedoms • Source A and Extract C refer to the efforts of many to escape the GDR across the Wall • Extract C refers to the sudden separation of 'family and friends' by the Wall, an effect made near permanent by the impossibility of communication between East and West • The building of the Wall re-enforced the impression among many citizens of the GDR that it was oppressive and second-best to its western neighbour. In order to prevent the many attempts at escape, huge sums were spent on building up and fortifying it.	