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A Level History A

Unit Y204

Genghis Khan and the Explosion from the Steppes

c.1167–1405

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



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Last name										
Centre number						Candidate number				

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and Answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1, or all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in developing trade on the Silk Road?

- (i) Postal stations
- (ii) The *Pax Mongolica*

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

1 (b)* 'Military organisation was the most important reason for the success of the early Mongol invasions from 1206 to 1264.' How far do you agree?

[20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in shaping Christian and Muslim views of the Mongols by the late 13th century?

- (i) The invasion of Hungary (1241–1242)
- (ii) The fall of Baghdad (1258)

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

2 (b)* 'A policy of religious tolerance was the most effective method of controlling China during the reign of Khubilai Khan.' How far do you agree?

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A Level History A

Unit Y204 Genghis Khan and the Explosion from the Steppes c.1167–1405

MARK SCHEME

Duration: 1 hour

MAXIMUM MARK 30

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 **required number** of standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 10 PRACTICE AND 10 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

TRADITIONAL

Before the Standardisation meeting you must mark at least 10 scripts from several centres. For this preliminary marking you should use **pencil** and follow the **mark scheme**. Bring these **marked scripts** to the meeting.

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 50% 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, email or via the scoris messaging system.

5. Work crossed out:
- where a candidate crosses out an answer and provides an alternative response, the crossed out response is not marked and gains no marks
 - if a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question and makes no second attempt, and if the inclusion of the answer does not cause a rubric infringement, the assessor should attempt to mark the crossed out answer and award marks appropriately.
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. There is a NR (No Response) option. Award NR (No Response)
- if there is nothing written at all in the answer space
 - OR if there is a comment which does not in any way relate to the question (e.g. 'can't do', 'don't know')
 - OR if there is a mark (e.g. a dash, a question mark) which isn't an attempt at the question.
- Note: Award 0 marks – for an attempt that earns no credit (including copying out the question).
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:
- To determine the level** – start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer
 - 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

12. 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.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

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

USING THE MARK SCHEME

Please study this Mark Scheme carefully. The Mark Scheme is an integral part of the process that begins with the setting of the question paper and ends with the awarding of grades. Question papers and Mark Schemes are developed in association with each other so that issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed from the very start.

This Mark Scheme is a working document; it is not exhaustive; it does not provide 'correct' answers. The Mark Scheme can only provide 'best guesses' about how the question will work out, and it is subject to revision after we have looked at a wide range of scripts.

The Examiners' Standardisation Meeting will ensure that the Mark Scheme covers the range of candidates' responses to the questions, and that all Examiners understand and apply the Mark Scheme in the same way. The Mark Scheme will be discussed and amended at the meeting, and administrative procedures will be confirmed. Co-ordination scripts will be issued at the meeting to exemplify aspects of candidates' responses and achievements; the co-ordination scripts then become part of this Mark Scheme.

Before the Standardisation Meeting, you should read and mark in pencil a number of scripts, in order to gain an impression of the range of responses and achievement that may be expected.

Please read carefully all the scripts in your allocation and make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. Always be prepared to use the full range of marks.

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINERS

- 1 The co-ordination scripts provide you with *examples* of the standard of each band. The marks awarded for these scripts will have been agreed by the Team Leaders and will be discussed fully at the Examiners' Co-ordination Meeting.
- 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 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.

	<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>
	Generic mark scheme for Question 1(a) and Question 2(a): Which of the following? [10]
Level 6 9–10 marks	Both factors are thoroughly analysed and evaluated using accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding of key features of the period, in order to reach a developed and substantiated judgement in relation to the question.
Level 5 7–8 marks	Both factors are analysed and evaluated using generally accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding of key features of the period, in order to reach a substantiated judgement in relation to the question.
Level 4 5–6 marks	Both factors are analysed and evaluated using relevant knowledge and understanding of key features of the period, however treatment of factors may be un-even with analysis and evaluation of one of the two being only partial. Analysis and evaluation is used to support a reasonable judgement in relation to the question.
Level 3 3–4 marks	Both factors are analysed and evaluated in a partial way, using some relevant knowledge of key features of the period, in order to make a basic judgement in relation to the question.
Level 2 2 marks	Limited and generalised knowledge of the period is used to attempt a limited analysis or evaluation of both factors, and this is linked to a very simplistic judgement.
Level 1 1 mark	Very limited and generalised knowledge of the period is used to attempt a very limited analysis or evaluation of one of the factors. The other factor is either not considered or there is very limited information or description of the factor with no attempt to use this knowledge. If there is a judgement, this takes the form of assertion.
0 marks	Nothing of any relevance to the factors.

	<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>
	Generic mark scheme for Question 1(b) and Question 2(b): Essay [20]
Level 6 17–20 marks	There is a consistent focus on the question throughout the answer. Accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is demonstrated throughout the answer and is consistently evaluated and analysed in order to reach substantiated, developed and sustained judgements. There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.
Level 5 13–16 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.
Level 4 10–12 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.
Level 3 7–9 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.
Level 2 4–6 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.
Level 1 1–3 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.

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	<p>Which of the following was of greater importance in developing trade on the Silk Road?</p> <p>(i) Postal stations</p> <p>(ii) The <i>Pax Mongolica</i></p> <p>Explain you answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In dealing with postal stations, answers might suggest they provided the means and practical needs of merchants travelling vast distances and enabled trade in luxury goods from Persia to China. • Answers might refer to the frequency of the postal stations (<i>yam</i>) every 20–30 miles, availability of transport, shelter, food, security, Mongol guides across difficult terrain. • Answers might suggest increased use by <i>Ortogh</i>, communication, competition, extension of system and new markets. • In dealing with the <i>Pax Mongolica</i>, answers might focus on the increase in trade during the reign of Khubilai Khan. Free commerce, tolerance, security for merchants and artisans enabled a vast exchange of goods across Eurasia. • Answers might refer to the <i>paiza</i>, tax privileges, Genoese trading posts, travels of Pegolotti and Marco Polo. • Examples might be the increase in trade of luxury textiles across Eurasia (damask silk, satin and muslin); new opportunities for Chinese manufacturing; limitations during 14th century disunity. 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No set answer is expected • Judgement must be supported by relevant and accurate material. • Only credit material relevant to the ‘development of trade on the Silk Road’. • Answers may deal with each factor in turn, then compare them to reach a judgement, or make take a continually comparative approach. Either approach is acceptable. • 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.

Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(b)*	<p>'Military organisation was the most important reason for the success of the early Mongol invasions between 1206 and 1264.' How far do you agree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In arguing military organisation, answers might comment on <i>ordu</i>, training, decimal system, professionalism, the <i>keshi</i>, size of armies, couriers and signals, light cavalry, mobility. • Answers might comment on military strategy and logistical planning of campaigns – use of the <i>mangudei</i> and 'feint', techniques of nomadic hunt and encirclement, extensive battle lines, communications, discipline. • Examples might include: attacks against the Khwarazmians and fall of Bukara (1220), campaign against the Bulgars (1236), the invasion of Poland and Hungary, Plain of Mohi. • In arguing other factors, answers might consider leadership, weakness of the opposition, methods of warfare and rule. Military tactics might focus here on use of foreign soldiers, gunpowder, siege engines, barbarism and fear. • Answers might consider the role of Genghis and the Great Khans, impact of the death of Mongke and decrease in invasions by 1260. • Answers might discuss Samarkand, pursuit of Khwarazmian Shah, destruction of Riazin and Kiev, defeat of Ismaili, fall of Baghdad, and campaigns of Berke in Poland. • Answers might consider limitations of military organisation following invasion (China). 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No set answer is expected. • At higher levels candidates will focus on 'how important', but at Level 4 may simply list aspects of military organisation or other factors without linking details to specific examples of success. • At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the relative importance of factors causing success. • At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the significance of military organisation; this might include the aims of Mongol campaigns, short and long-term effects of invasions. • To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate facts. If not, they are assertions. • 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.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 (a)	<p>Which of the following was of greater importance in shaping Christian and Muslim views of the Mongols by the late 13th century?</p> <p>(i) The invasion of Hungary 1241–1242 (ii) The fall of Baghdad in 1258</p> <p>Explain you answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In dealing with the fall of Baghdad, answers might suggest destructive as well as psychological impact on the Muslim world. • Answers might refer to the city's significance as cultural and spiritual centre, death of Caliph and family, Persian accounts of slaughter and treachery of Ibn al-Alkami, Mongol alliances with Christians. • Answers might be balanced by reference to earlier events shaping Muslim views (Khwarazmians, exploits of Jalal–al–Din) or the ensuing Mongol defeat at Ayn–Jalut destroying myths of Mongol invincibility. • In dealing with the invasion of Hungary, the religious and military impact might be highlighted as well as psychological. • Answers might refer to apocalyptic fears, myths about the 'Tartars', ignorance, stories of Prester John, attacks on the Jews. • Examples might be the writing of Thomas of Spalato, Ecumenical Council 1245. • In judgement it might be suggested that Baghdad was significant in its impact on Muslims and Christians, whereas Hungary only affected European Christians. Alternatively, Hungary caused greater psychological impact due to lack of Mongol occupation, fear of attack, ignorance – proven in the later destruction of Poland. 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No set answer is expected. • Judgement must be supported by relevant and accurate material. If not, mark as assertion. • Only credit material relevant to the 'impact on Christian and Muslim views of the Mongols'. • Answers may deal with each factor in turn, then compare them to reach a judgement, or make take a continually comparative approach. Either approach is acceptable. • 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.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 (b)*	<p>‘A policy of religious tolerance was the most effective method of controlling China during the reign of Khubilai Khan.’ How far do you agree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · In arguing religious tolerance, answers might comment on traditional Mongol policy and its application in China, personal interest and upbringing of Khubilai, continuation of Chinese customs, reassurance. · Examples might include support for Buddhism and Tibetan Lamaism, impact of building of temples, Phags–pa Lama, significance of declaration of the Yuan dynasty and Confucian beliefs. · Limitations might include distrust of Confucian scholar-officials, intellectual warfare and the literati, preference for Buddhism and conversion of Daoist monasteries, defrocking of monks. · In arguing other factors, answers might consider political and economic policies, Khubilai’s personal and sedentary rule, patronage, barbarism and defeat of the Song. · Answers might consider support for peasants and artisans, public works schemes such as the Grand Canal, building of Dadu, propaganda. · Answers might discuss the elimination of the Chinese civil service exams, changes to political hierarchy, legal system. · Limitations might include animosity and inflation caused by public works projects, resentment towards ‘foreign’ administrators, effect of disastrous military campaigns against Japan, corruption of local administration. 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No set answer is expected. · At higher levels candidates will focus on ‘how effective’, but at Level 4 may simply describe religious or other policies without linking it to successful control and government. · At Level 5 and above there will be judgement as to the relative success of religious, political and economic policies. · At higher levels candidates might establish criteria against which to judge the effect of religious tolerance; this might include aims of Khubilai, impact on Chinese social classes (literati, peasants). · To be valid judgements, claims must be supported by relevant and accurate facts. If not, they are assertions. · 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.

Assessment Objectives (AO) Grid

Question	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total
1a/2a	10			10
1b/2b	20			20
Totals	30			30

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