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Introduction

Our examiners' reports are produced to offer constructive feedback on candidates' performance in the examinations. They provide useful guidance for future candidates.

The reports will include a general commentary on candidates' performance, identify technical aspects examined in the questions and highlight good performance and where performance could be improved. A selection of candidate answers is also provided. The reports will also explain aspects which caused difficulty and why the difficulties arose, whether through a lack of knowledge, poor examination technique, or any other identifiable and explainable reason.

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Paper Y213/01 series overview

Y213 is one of twenty four units for the revised A Level examination for GCE History. This unit tests an extended period of History of about one hundred years through a short-answer essay and a traditional essay. The paper contains two questions, each having two parts, a short-answer essay and a traditional essay and candidates have to answer both parts of one question.

To do well on the short essay question (a), candidates need to consider the significance or importance both issues, factors, individuals or events mentioned in relation to the question. Having analysed or explained both they must reach a supported judgement as to which is the most important or significant.

To do well on the traditional essay, candidates need to address the issue in the question, using detailed supporting knowledge. In order to reach the higher levels candidates will need to assess the issues they discuss and reach a supported judgement, at least in the conclusion.

Candidates who did well on this paper generally did the following:

- gave equal consideration to the two issues in the short-answer essay
- reached a developed and supported judgement as to which issue was more significant or important
- linked their knowledge of the issues to the focus of the question
- in answering the essay question, discussed at least two issues in depth
- gave supporting detail that was both accurate and relevant to the question set, not just the topic
- reached a supported judgement about the issue in the question
- made a series of interim judgements about the issues discussed in relation to the question.

Candidates who did less well on this paper generally did the following:

- considered only one of the issues or discussed one in a superficial way
- produced a judgement that was not supported and was therefore assertion or a judgement that did not follow logically from the response
- were unable to use their knowledge to address the issue in the question.
- showed a poor understanding of the major issues relevant to the essay
- were unable to support their response with relevant or accurate material
- did not focus on the precise wording of the question
- made unsupported comments about issues which were no more than assertions.

Key point – be sure of dates in the question

Candidates need to be sure of dates, whether they are used in the question or not, so that factors in (a) questions can be accurately placed and assessed.

Question 1 (a)

- 1 (a) Which of the following was of greater significance for Napoleon's domination of Europe?
 - (i) The Battle of Ulm
 - (ii) The Battle of Austerlitz

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

[10]

Better responses to Question 1(a) appreciated that the two battles came in succession in the War of the Third Coalition and that Austerlitz was therefore the decisive battle, forcing Austria into a humiliating peace. The obvious difficulty some candidates had was in placing the Battle of Ulm correctly and sometimes mistaking the enemies of Napoleon in the Third Coalition with those in the Fourth Coalition a year later. Frequently, this concerned Prussia, not a member of the Third Coalition.

Exemplar 1 is a solid Level 5 response with accurate detail and a sound judgement, although it could offer more detail in terms of the outcome of this war.

Key point - know the detail

Candidates need to be sure of the Napoleonic coalition wars and which powers were fighting in which war.

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Exemplar 1

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Question 1 (b)*

(b)* Assess the reasons for the Terror.

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There was a wide variety of responses to this question about the French revolution. Better responses appreciated more exactly when the Terror occurred with isolated anarchic events in August-September 1792 preceding the more famous organised Terror of 1793-4. Explaining the role of the war, the impact of internal revolts, the militancy of the sans-culottes and the determination of the Montagnard/Jacobin leadership to use the Terror to construct a 'republic of virtue' were common features of effective responses.

Less successful were responses that diverted into the period of the revolution before the Terror was properly established. This was not because the material could not be made partially relevant but because writing too much about 1791, and earlier, came at the expense of discussing the essential period of the Terror in 1793-4. The other difficulty encountered was a lack of precision; events move very quickly in 1792-4. Confusing the order of events and exaggerating or distorting the role of Robespierre made some responses less convincing.

Exemplar 2 is sound in terms of core understanding but does not develop the line of reasoning as effectively by skating over significant detail. It was marked in Level 4.

Key point – chronology

Questions on The Terror require a clear grasp of chronology and an appreciation of how isolated instances of mass violence (August and September 1792) were succeeded by an organised, increasingly centralised campaign of repression.

Exemplar 2

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	<u> </u>	Counter revolutionaries. Response At this
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		roughists as overthrowing the revolution.
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		Massacres, the convention, Pall of the
		Girondins and the increasing popularity of
		Robespierre encouraged him to enforce the
		Terror across Fronce.
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		asit was rummoured that the prisones
		would broak out and hand over Paris to
		Prossia. Prossia then managed to take
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	election. This created supporting for the
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,	to carry out the Terror. He was admired
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Question 2 (a)

- **2** (a) Which was a greater threat to the Convention?
 - (i) The uprising of the Germinal
 - (ii) The uprising of the Prairial

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

[10]

This question was very much a minority choice and some candidates did well but for others a lack of knowledge was in evidence. Some confused one or other of the Germinal and Prairial risings with the later, royalist, Vendemiaire rising.

Successful candidates made the logical case for the Prairial rising posing much the greater threat to the Convention and resulting in a crackdown that effectively put an end to the autonomous sans-culottes movement.

Exemplar 3, apart from a couple of early slips, using 'peasants', not 'sans-culottes' and 'Directory' not 'Convention' (corrected later in the response), has the essentials right in explaining the scale and nature of the threat posed by the two risings.

Key point – put events in context

Placing events accurately in context is the key to successful assessment.

Exemplar 3

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Question 2 (b)*

(b)* 'The most important reason for the failure of the Directory was its reliance upon the army.'
How far do you agree? [20]

Many responses were well focused. The best of them appreciated both the Directory's reliance on the army to maintain the regime against threats from the left and the right and the fact that the army was central to the coup of Brumaire which ultimately overthrew the Directory. Useful detail was employed to explain the nature of the royalist and neo-Jacobin threats, as well as the Directory's financial difficulties. The army's (Napoleon's) independence in foreign policy was also used effectively.

Less successful responses muddled details, even in some cases conflating the Directory's rule with that of the Committee's during the Terror.

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