

**GCE**

**History A**

**Y321/01: The Middle East 1908–2011: Ottomans to Arab Spring**

A Level

**Mark Scheme for June 2024**

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## MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

### PREPARATION FOR MARKING

#### RM ASSESSOR

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *RM Assessor 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 RM Assessor and mark the **required number** of practice responses (“scripts”) and the **number of required** standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 5 PRACTICE AND 6 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

### 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 RM Assessor 50% and 100% (traditional 40% 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 or the RM Assessor messaging system, or by email.
5. **Crossed Out Responses**  
Where a candidate has crossed out a response and provided a clear alternative then the crossed out response is not marked. Where no alternative response has been provided, examiners may give candidates the benefit of the doubt and mark the crossed out response where legible.

#### Rubric Error Responses – Optional Questions

Where candidates have a choice of question across a whole paper or a whole section and have provided more answers than required, then all responses are marked and the highest mark allowable within the rubric is given. Enter a mark for each question answered into RM assessor, which will select the highest mark from those awarded. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate has penalised themselves by attempting more questions than necessary in the time allowed.)*

**Multiple Choice Question Responses**

When a multiple choice question has only a single, correct response and a candidate provides two responses (even if one of these responses is correct), then no mark should be awarded (as it is not possible to determine which was the first response selected by the candidate).

*When a question requires candidates to select more than one option/multiple options, then local marking arrangements need to ensure consistency of approach.*

**Contradictory Responses**

When a candidate provides contradictory responses, then no mark should be awarded, even if one of the answers is correct.

**Short Answer Questions** (requiring only a list by way of a response, usually worth only **one mark per response**)

Where candidates are required to provide a set number of short answer responses then only the set number of responses should be marked. The response space should be marked from left to right on each line and then line by line until the required number of responses have been considered. The remaining responses should not then be marked. Examiners will have to apply judgement as to whether a 'second response' on a line is a development of the 'first response', rather than a separate, discrete response. *(The underlying assumption is that the candidate is attempting to hedge their bets and therefore getting undue benefit rather than engaging with the question and giving the most relevant/correct responses.)*

**Short Answer Questions** (requiring a more developed response, worth **two or more marks**)

If the candidates are required to provide a description of, say, three items or factors and four items or factors are provided, then mark on a similar basis – that is downwards (as it is unlikely in this situation that a candidate will provide more than one response in each section of the response space.)

**Longer Answer Questions** (requiring a developed response)

Where candidates have provided two (or more) responses to a medium or high tariff question which only required a single (developed) response and not crossed out the first response, then only the first response should be marked. Examiners will need to apply professional judgement as to whether the second (or a subsequent) response is a 'new start' or simply a poorly expressed continuation of the first response.

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. Award No Response (NR) if:
- there is nothing written in the answer space

Award Zero '0' if:

- anything is written in the answer space and is not worthy of credit (this includes text and symbols).

Team Leaders must confirm the correct use of the NR button with their markers before live marking commences and should check this when reviewing scripts.

8. The RM Assessor **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 RM Assessor 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
	Blank Page
	Highlight
Off-page comment	
	Assertion
	Analysis
	Evaluation
	Explanation
	Factor
	Illustrates/Describes
	Irrelevant, a significant amount of material that does not answer the question
	Judgement
	Knowledge and understanding
	Provenance
	Simple comment
	Unclear
	View

Annotation	Meaning
<b>S</b>	Synthesis
<b>E</b>	Continuity/Change

Question			Answer	Mark	Guidance
1			<p><b>Evaluate the Interpretations in both of the two passages.</b></p> <p><b>Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the achievements of Nasser's social and economic policies.</b></p> <p><b>In locating the Interpretations within the wider historical debate, answers might suggest that Interpretation A argues that his social and economic policies were a success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In evaluating Interpretation A, answers might argue</b> agrarian reform was essential as 72% of the rural population owned an acre or less</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> a law limiting land owning to 200 acres per person, later reduced to 100 was passed</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> rural poverty was reduced</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> there was a programme of nationalisation, including cotton, banks and transport</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> the building of the Aswan Dam provided HEP which electrified many villages</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> there was an expansion in education</li> </ul>	30	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected.</li> <li>• At Level 5 and above answers will evaluate both interpretations, locating them within the wider historical debate about the issue and using their own knowledge, and reach a balanced judgement as to which they consider the most convincing about the issue in the question.</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>• Knowledge must not be credited in isolation, it should only be credited where it is used to analyse and evaluate the interpretations, in line with descriptions in the levels mark scheme.</li> </ul>



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			<p><b>In locating the Interpretations within the wider historical debate, answers might suggest</b> that Interpretation B argues that his social and economic policies were largely a failure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In evaluating Interpretation B, answers might argue</b> the economy slowed after 1964</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> the need to replace military losses meant the economy slowed</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that Interpretation B is incorrect to argue there was no change to the social structure as the power of large landowners was reduced</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that the target for electrical output from the Aswan Dam was not achieved</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> Egypt did train tens of thousands of teachers, engineers, doctors, pharmacists and administrators</li> <li>• <b>Answers might argue</b> that some schemes were simply propaganda</li> </ul>		

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2*			<p><b>To what extent did the aims of the Great Powers in the Middle East change in the period from 1908 to 2011?</b></p> <p><b>Answers might consider some of the following themes:</b> oil, influence, trade, rule, security</p> <p><b>In arguing that the aims of the Great Powers have changed,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> control of the Suez Canal</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the ‘war on terror’ which became a priority for the USA</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> Britain’s concern with the route to India</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the French aim of direct rule over mandates, now abandoned</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> Britain’s desire to control oilfields in Iraq until the 1950s</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> British concern over Palestine until post 1947</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> that during the Cold War the aim was to win allies and reduce the influence of the other</li> </ul> <p><b>In arguing the aims of the Great Powers have not changed,</b></p>	25	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.  <b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected</li> <li>• At higher levels answers might establish criteria against which to judge</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the maintenance of trade routes, most recently for oil</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> US concerns to maintain the support of Arab oil-producing states</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the assertion of Great Power status in the region</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> US aim to counter Russian influence</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the Russian aim to support Egypt and later Syria to assert its influence in the region</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the US aim to support the Jews and the state of Israel</li> </ul>		

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3*			<p><b>To what extent did the reasons to find a solution to the Palestinian issue change in the period from 1908 to 2011?</b></p> <p><b>Answers might consider some of the following themes:</b> land, resources, settlements, war, security</p> <p><b>In arguing the reasons have changed,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the growth of Arab nationalism</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the impact of the creation of the state of Israel</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the seizure of land by the Israeli's during the Arab-Israeli wars</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the formation and actions of the PLO</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the development of Israeli settlements on Palestinian land, particularly the West Bank</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the growth of terrorism</li> </ul> <p><b>In arguing the reasons have not changed,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> control and ownership of the land of Palestine</li> </ul>	25	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set.  <b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected</li> <li>• At higher levels answers might establish criteria against which to judge</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the influence of the Great Powers</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the national aspirations of Jews and Arabs in Palestine</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the actions of neighbouring states</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the issue of land and refugees</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the consistent failure of the peace process</li> </ul>		
4*			<p><b>‘Christian communities have been the most important cause of religious tensions in the Middle East in the period from 1908 to 2011.’</b></p> <p><b>How far do you agree?</b></p> <p><b>Answers might consider some of the following themes:</b></p> <p><b>In supporting the hypothesis in the question,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> that problems in Lebanon were due to religious tensions between Christians and Muslims</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the importance of Christian sites in the Middle East</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the impact of Christian communities in Armenia</li> </ul>	25	<p>The indicative content lists features of the period studied that relate to the question set. Both features that support the hypothesis and features that challenge the hypothesis are detailed.</p> <p><b><u>Neither significance nor relative importance are attributed to the features listed.</u></b></p> <p>The indicative content is intended to reflect the knowledge and understanding a candidate is likely to analyse and evaluate in order to arrive at a judgement in line with the question set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No set answer is expected</li> <li>• At higher levels answers might establish criteria against which to judge</li> <li>• To be valid, judgements must be supported by relevant and accurate material.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the persecution of Christian communities which has been described as coming close to genocide</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the role of those Arabs who are Christian</li> </ul> <p><b>In challenging the hypothesis in the question,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It might be argued</b> the Jews have been the greatest cause of tensions with the desire for a Jewish homeland</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the conflict over control of religious sites such as Jerusalem, important to both Jews and Muslims</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the rioting in 1929 and Intifada in 2000 caused by religious tensions</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the Sunni-Shia tensions in Iraq and Syria</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> the Sunni-Shia tensions as a cause of war between Iraq and Iran from 1980 to 1988</li> <li>• <b>Answers might consider</b> how Islamist groups have caused tensions in establishing Islamic states</li> </ul>		

## APPENDIX 1 – this contains a generic mark scheme grid

	<i>AO3: Analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted.</i>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section A, Question 1: Interpretation [30]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 26–30 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question throughout. It has thorough and sustained evaluation of the interpretations, using detailed and accurate knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce a convincing and supported analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 5</b> 21–25 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question throughout. It has good evaluation of the interpretations, using relevant knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce a supported analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 4</b> 16–20 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. It has evaluation of the interpretations based on generally relevant knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue, in order to produce an analysis of them in relation to the question.
<b>Level 3</b> 11–15 marks	The answer is partially focused on the question. It has partial evaluation of the interpretations based on some knowledge of the historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue. There may be some use of information from one of the two interpretations to support the evaluation of the other, but the evaluation will not rely on this. There is a limited analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question.
<b>Level 2</b> 6–10 marks	The answer has a limited focus on the question. Parts of the answer are just description of the interpretations, with evaluation in relation to historical context and the wider historical debate around the issue being weak, and evaluation relying heavily on information drawn from the other interpretation. There is a very limited analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question.
<b>Level 1</b> 1–5 marks	The answer has some relevance to the topic, but not the specific question. The answer consists mostly of description of the interpretations with very limited evaluation based on very generalised knowledge of historical context and minimal or no reference to the wider historical debate. Analysis of the interpretations in relation to the question is either in the form of assertion or lacking.
0 marks	No evidence of understanding and no demonstration of any relevant knowledge.

	<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>
	<b>Generic mark scheme for Section B, Questions 2, 3 and 4: Essay [25]</b>
<b>Level 6</b> 21–25 marks	The answer has a very good focus on the question. Detailed and accurate knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a fully developed synthesis supporting a convincing and substantiated judgement. There is a well-developed and sustained line of reasoning which is coherent and logically structured. The information presented is entirely relevant and substantiated.
<b>Level 5</b> 17–20 marks	The answer has a good focus on the question. Generally accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a developed synthesis supporting a substantiated judgement. 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.
<b>Level 4</b> 13–16 marks	The answer is mostly focused on the question. Relevant knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and evaluate key features of the period studied in order to reach a synthesis supporting a reasonable judgement. There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure. The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.
<b>Level 3</b> 9–12 marks	The answer has a partial focus on the question. Some relevant knowledge and understanding is used to analyse and explain key features of the period studied in order to attempt an undeveloped synthesis, which is linked to a judgement, though the supporting explanation may lack detail and clarity. The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure. The information is supported by limited evidence.
<b>Level 2</b> 5–8 marks	The answer has only a limited focus on the question. Limited relevant knowledge and understanding is used to give a limited explanation and analysis of key features of the period studied. There is a judgement but this may not be clearly linked with the supporting explanation. 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.
<b>Level 1</b> 1–4 marks	The answer has a limited focus on the topic, but not the specific question. The answer is largely descriptive, with only very generalised knowledge of the period studied being used to attempt basic explanation and very limited analysis. Judgements are unsupported and are not linked to analysis. Information presented is basic and may be ambiguous or unstructured. The information is supported by limited evidence.
0 marks	The answer contains no relevant information.



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