GCSE (9–1) HISTORY A (EXPLAINING THE MODERN WORLD) (J410)



Your guide to the changes for 2021

Following an Ofqual consultation, we have made changes to a number of our qualifications.

The changes are designed to reduce the pressure on teachers and students in the 2020/21 academic year, and to safeguard against ongoing public health concerns.

Please <u>use the specification on our website</u> alongside this document which shows how our qualifications will differ in summer 2021.

Overview of changes for GCSE (9–1) History A (Explaining the Modern World)

Ofqual have confirmed that students taking GCSE (9–1) History A (Explaining the Modern World) in summer 2021 will not have to study and will not be assessed on all the content of the full course:

- All students will be required to study and will be assessed on the Period study (International Relations).
- Students will study and be assessed on two out of the three remaining studies: the Non-British Depth Study, the Thematic Study, and the British Depth Study and Study of a Historic Environment. Centres are free to choose which two of these studies they enter their students for.
- Each study will be assessed separately with its own exam paper in its own timetabled slot.

GCSE(9–1) History A (Explaining the Modern World) for academic year 2020/21

Students must complete the **Period Study (International Relations)** and **two** other studies from a choice of three to be awarded OCR's GCSE (9–1) History A in **summer 2021**.

Content Overview	Assessment Ov	verview
Period Study J410/14 International Relations: the changing international order 1918–c.1975	Compulsory 50 Marks + 10 marks for SPaG 1 hour 15 minutes written exam	33.3% of total GCSE (9–1)
 Non-British Depth study One from: J410/01 China 1950–1981: The People and the State J410/02 Germany 1925–1955: The People and the State J410/05 South Africa 1960–1994: The People and the State J410/06 The USA 1919–1948: The People and the State J410/07 The USA 1945–1974: The People and the State 	Optional 50 marks 1 hour written exam	33.3% of total GCSE (9–1)
 Thematic Study One from: J410/08 Migration to Britain c.1000 to c.2010 J410/09 Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014 J410/10 War and British Society c.790 to c.2010 	Optional 50 marks 1 hour written exam	33.3% of total GCSE (9–1)
 British Depth study and a study of a historic environment One from: J410/11 The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688–c.1730 with Urban Environments: Patterns of Migration J410/12 The English Reformation c.1520–c.1550 with Castles: Form and Function c.1000–1750 J410/13 Personal Rule to Restoration 1629–1660 with Castles: Form and Function c.1000–1750 	Optional 50 marks 1 hour 15 minutes written exam	33.3% of total GCSE (9–1)

- All of the 2021 question papers will be equally weighted in terms of historical content, before the addition of SPaG marks. The percentages shown above do not take in the ten marks for SPaG on the compulsory **Period Study (International Relations)**.
- We have removed 10 marks from the **Period Study (International Relations)**. Question 4 will be worth 10 marks, not 20. The requirements of the question will remain the same see the revised specimen assessment materials.
- We have added an extra 10 mark question to the **Non-British Depth Study**, with similar requirements to Question 6. See the revised specimen assessment materials.

What has changed?

What has changed – Specification	Detail							
Assessment Objective weightings for summer 2021	The relationship between the Assessment Objectives and the components are shown in the following tables:					onents		
	J410 Histor	ry A - witho	out Non	British I	Depth St	udy		
	Component		AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	SPAG	
	Period Study (Intl Relations)		17	8	0	25	10	
	Thematic S			20	30	0	0	
	British Dep Historic Env	•		15	15	20	0	
	Total			52	53	20	25	
				34.7%	35.3%	13.3%	16.7%	6.7%
	J410 Histor	ry A - witho	out The	matic St	udy			
	Сог	mponent		AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	SPAG
	Period Stuc	dy (Intl Rela	ations)	17	8	0	25	10
	Non British Depth Study British Depth Study and Historic Environment			20	20	10	0	
				15	15	20	0	
	Total marks		52	43	30	25		
				34.6%	28.7%	20%	16.7	6.7%
	J410 History A - without British Depth Study and Historic Environment							
	Component			AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	SPAG
	Period Stud	-	ations)	17	8	0	25	10
	Non British Depth Study		20	20	10	0		
	Thematic Study			20	30	0	0	
	Total marks			57	58	10	25	
				38%	38.6%	6.7%	16.7%	6.7%
Entry codes for 2021	Entry Code	Code Tit	le					
		01 Ch	ina 1950	1950-1981: The People and the State				
	J410 KA	08 Mi	gration	on to Britain c.1000 to c.2010				
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975					ational
			China 1950-1981: The People and the State					
	J410 KB	09 Po 20	ower: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000			000 to		
		14 Int	International Relations: the changing internationa order 1918-c.1975				ational	
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	Entry Code	Code	Title			
		01	China 1950-1981: The People and the State			
	J410 KC	10	War and British Society c.790 to c.2010			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		01	China 1950-1981: The People and the State			
	J410 KD	11	The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688-c.1730 with Urban Environments: Patterns of Migration			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		01	China 1950-1981: The People and the State			
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		02	Germany 1925-1955: The People and the State			
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		02	Germany 1925-1955: The People and the State		
		12	Personal Rule to Restoration 1629-1660 with Castles:		
	J410 LF	13	Form and Function c.1000-1750		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		
		05	South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State		
	J410 MA	08	Migration to Britain c.1000 to c.2010		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		
		05	South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State		
	J410 MB	09	Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014		
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		05	South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State		
	J410 MC	10	War and British Society c.790 to c.2010		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		
		05	South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State		
	J410 MD	11	The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688-c.1730 with Urbai Environments: Patterns of Migration		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		
		05	South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State		
		12	The English Reformation c.1520-c.1550 with Castles:		
	J410 ME	12	Form and Function c.1000-1750		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		
		05	South Africa 1960-1994: The People and the State		
		13	Personal Rule to Restoration 1629-1660 with Castles:		
	J410 MF		Form and Function c.1000-1750		
		14			
		06	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State		
	J410 NA	08	Migration to Britain c.1000 to c.2010		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		
		06	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State		
	J410 NB	09	Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014		
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975		

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	Entry Code	Code	Title			
		06	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State			
	J410 NC	10	War and British Society c.790 to c.2010			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		06	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State			
	J410 ND	11	The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688-c.1730 with Urban Environments: Patterns of Migration			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		06	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State			
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		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		06	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State			
	J410 NF	13	The USA 1919-1948: The People and the State Personal Rule to Restoration 1629-1660 with Castles: Form and Function c.1000-1750 International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975 The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State Migration to Britain c.1000 to c.2010			
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		07	The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State			
	J410 OA	08	Migration to Britain c.1000 to c.2010			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		07	The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State			
	J410 OB	09	Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		07	The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State			
	J410 OC	10	War and British Society c.790 to c.2010			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		07	The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State			
	J410 OD	11	The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688-c.1730 with Urban Environments: Patterns of Migration			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			
		07	The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State			
	J410 OE	12	The English Reformation c.1520-c.1550 with Castles: Form and Function c.1000-1750			
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975			

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		07	The USA 1945-1974: The People and the State				
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	J410 OG	11	The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688-c.1730 with Urban Environments: Patterns of Migration				
		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975				
		09	Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014				
	J410 OH	12	The English Reformation c.1520-c.1550 with Castles: Form and Function c.1000-1750				
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		14	International Relations: the changing international order 1918-c.1975				
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What has changed – SAMs	Detail
Revised specimen assessment materials showing the new structure for summer 2021	Please refer to our updated <u>SAMs for 2021</u> to see the new assessment structure.

Summary of updates

Date	Version	Section	Summary of change
15 December 2020	2	What has changed – revised entry codes for Summer 2021	Updated the entry code table with additional codes for Summer 2021

Support

OCR's team of expert Subject Advisors has created videos, webinars, and other resources to guide you through these changes and help you prepare your students for their exams in summer 2021.

These resources can be found <u>here</u>.

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