## The new Edexcel A level in History at-a-glance

### AS and A Level

#### Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations
- **30% A level | 60% AS**
- **2 hours 15 minutes**
- Students study one of eight options, e.g., Russia 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin.

**Assessment**
- Section A: one breadth essay
- Section B: one breadth essay
- Section C: one interpretations question

#### Paper 2: Depth study
- **20% A level | 40% AS**
- **1 hour 30 minutes**
- Students study one depth study, e.g., Mao's China, 1945–76, which has a thematic connection to the breadth study in Paper 1, e.g., communism. There is a choice of two depth studies for each Paper 1 topic.

**Assessment**
- Section A: one source question
- Section B: one depth essay

### A Level only

#### Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth
- **30% A level**
- **2 hours 15 minutes**
- Students study one topic which covers at least 100 years, e.g., The British experience of warfare c1790–1918. The availability of options in Paper 3 is dependent on the topics studied in Papers 1 and 2 in order to meet the subject criteria requirements.

**Assessment**
- Section A: one source question
- Section B: one depth essay
- Section C: one breadth essay

#### Coursework
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**Internal Assessment and External Moderation**

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