

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

External Examination

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

External Examination

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

External Examination

Coursework

20% A level

Students complete an independently researched enquiry on historical interpretations, e.g. the origins of WW1 or origins of the Cold War.

Assessment

3000-4000 word essay

Internal Assessment and
External Moderation