



GCSE History Sample Assessment Materials (Issue 4) – minor amendment to the stimulus points cap wording (March 2024)

This document is designed to provide teachers with information on a minor amendment to the wording of the stimulus points cap in the generic mark schemes.

We have updated the wording of the stimulus cap in **Level 3** and **Level 4** of the mark scheme to make the requirement clearer to students.

This change will apply for **first assessment Summer 2024** and will be used in the 2024 mark schemes onwards. This change does **not** affect how teachers prepare students for exams and it does **not** change how responses will be marked.

Causation questions (Paper 1 Q4, Paper 2B Q1b, Paper 3 Q2)

This is the new **12-mark causation question** wording in the generic mark scheme for Levels 3 and 4:

Wording up to 2023	Wording from 2024 onwards
<i>Maximum 8 marks for Level 3 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.</i>	<i>Maximum 8 marks for answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.</i>
<i>No access to Level 4 for answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.</i>	<i>No access to Level 4 for answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.</i>

Judgement essay questions (Paper 1 Q5/6, Paper 2B Q1c)

This is the new **16-mark judgement essay** wording in the generic mark scheme for Levels 3 and 4:

Wording up to 2023	Wording from 2024 onwards
<i>Maximum 11 marks for answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.</i>	<i>Maximum 11 marks for answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.</i>
<i>No access to Level 4 for answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.</i>	<i>No access to Level 4 for answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.</i>

Narrative analysis question (Paper 2P Q2)

This is the new **8-mark narrative analysis question** wording in the generic mark scheme for Level 3:

Wording up to 2023	Wording from 2024 onwards
<i>No access to Level 3 for answers which do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.</i>	<i>No access to Level 3 for answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.</i>