

Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level in History

Qualification Outline

First teaching from September 2015

First assessment from June 2016

Introduction

This qualification outline document sets out an overview of the content and assessment for the new Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) in History.

The document has been provided to help teachers plan for the delivery of the new IAL qualification ahead of first teaching in September 2015 and the final publication of the Specification and Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) documents.

You can be assured that the **structure** of the qualifications, overarching **topics** and **texts** and the first **assessment availability** set out in these documents are confirmed, to enable you to plan your approach to delivery of this qualification with confidence.

Please note: the unit titles provided in this document are indicative, and there may be minor changes to the unit titles and content and assessment details in the final Specification and SAMs. Therefore it is important that you obtain copies of these when they are available in August 2015. Your Regional Development Manager will be able to support you with this.

We hope that you find this document helpful, if you have any questions please email: internationalqualifications@pearson.com and we will be happy to answer these.

1 Unit

Depth study with interpretations (IAS)



Externally
assessed



Availability:
January and June



First assessment:
June 2016

Overview of content

Choice of one option from:

1A: France in revolution 1774-1799

- The origins and onset of revolution, 1774–89
- Revolution and the failure of constitutional monarchy, 1789–93
- The National Convention, the Jacobins and the Terror, 1793–94
- From the Directory to Brumaire, 1795–99

1B: Russia in revolution 1881-1917

- Political Reaction and Economic Change -Alexander III and Nicholas II 1881-1903
- The First Revolution and its impact 1903–1914
- The end of Romanov rule, 1914–17
- The Bolshevik Seizure of Power October 1917

1C: Germany 1918-1945

- The Democratic experiment 1918-29
- The Rise of the Nazis 1919-33
- Nazi Germany 1933-39
- Germany at War 1939-45

1D: Britain 1964-1990

- Labour in power 1964-70: 'white hot heat'?
- States of Emergency, 1970-79
- 'There is no alternative': the Thatcher Response 1979-1990
- A changing society 1964-1990

Overview of assessment

 Length: **2 hours**

Two essays

Skills assessed: Evaluating differing historical interpretations

2 Unit

Breadth study with source evaluation (IAS)



Externally
assessed



Availability:
January and June



First assessment:
June 2016

Overview of content

Choice of one option from:

2A: India 1857-1947

- The British Raj-the Government of India 1857-1948
- The Economics of Empire 1857-1948
- Resistance to British rule 1857-1948
- Military power and its limits 1857-1948

2B: China 1900-1976

- Order and disorder 1900-1976
- The Impact of the World on China 1900-76
- Economic Changes 1900-76
- Social and Cultural Changes 1900-76

2C: Russia 1917-1991

(forbidden combination with Russia on Paper 1)

- Communist government in the USSR, 1917–1991
- Industrial and agricultural change, 1917–1991
- Control of the people, 1917–91
- Social developments, 1917–91

2D: South Africa 1948-2014 from apartheid state to death of Mandela

- Governing South Africa c1948 -2014
- Opposing the government of South Africa c1948-2014
- Economy and Society c1948-2014
- Relations with the outside world c1948 -2014

Overview of assessment

 Length: **2 hours**

Two short answer questions
One essay

*Skills assessed: Evaluating contrasting sources,
application to historical context*

3 Unit

Thematic study (IA2)



Externally assessed



Availability:
January and June



First assessment:
January 2017

Overview of content

Choice of one option from:

3A: Independence to reconstruction in USA 1775-1877

- 'A New Nation' 1763-83
- 'A More Perfect Union' 1786-1791
- 'Jacksonian Democracy' 1828-37
- 'A House Divided' 1850-1861
- War and the End of Slavery 1863-1865

3B: The British experience of warfare 1803-1945

- Britain and the French Wars, 1803-1814
- The Crimean War, 1854-56
- The second Boer War, 1899-1902
- Trench warfare on the Western Front, 1914-18
- Britain and the struggle with Nazi Germany 1939-45

3C: Germany 1871-1990, united, divided and reunited (forbidden combination with Germany on Paper 1)

- The birth and early years of the Second Reich, 1870-79
- The birth of democratic Germany, 1917-24
- The Birth of the Third Reich, 1930-36
- Establishing and ruling the new Federal Republic, 1949-60
- The Last years of the German Democratic Republic and reunification 1985-90

3D: Civil rights and race relations in the USA, 1877-2009

- 'Free at last', 1865-77
- The triumph of 'Jim Crow', 1883-c1900
- Roosevelt and race relations, 1933-45
- 'I have a dream', 1954-68
- Race Relations and Obama's campaign for the presidency, c2000-09

Overview of assessment

 Length: **2 hours**

Two essays

Skills assessed: Discussion in terms of historical themes and explanations

4 Unit

Extract evaluation (IA2)



Externally
assessed



Availability:
January and June



First assessment:
June 2017

Overview of content

Choice of one option from:

4A: The making of modern Europe 1799- 1871

- What explains the downfall of the Napoleonic Empire c1805–1814?
- 'Trying to put Humpty-Dumpty together again':-The Treaty of Vienna and its aftermath 1815-1848
- The rise of Piedmont and the unification of Italy 1848–70
- Prussia and the Creation of the Second Reich 1848-1871

4B: The world in crisis 1879-1945

- What explains the outbreak of war in Europe between the great powers in August 1914?
- Trying to achieve victory and making peace and trying to keep it 1914-33
- The drift to renewed conflict 1933-41
- The World in Flames 1941-45

4C: The world divided: superpower relations 1943-1990

- What explains the outbreak and development of the Cold War in the years 1943-53
- Conciliation and confrontation 1953-64
- Stalemate and détente 1964-79
- Renewed confrontation and resolution 1980-90

4D: South East Asia 1945-1990

- What explains the outbreak, course and impact of the Korean War in the period 1950-53?
- The Emergence of the Cold War in South East Asia 1945-60
- War in Indo-China 1961-1973
- South East Asia without the West: the fading of the Cold War 1973-1990

Overview of assessment

 Length: **2 hours**

Two essays

Skills assessed: Evaluating secondary extracts in relation to a historical controversy