

IGCSE HISTORY 4380, NOVEMBER 2005 CHIEF EXAMINER'S REPORT

Papers 1F, 2H, 3 and 4 (Coursework)

The November 2005 series had a lower entry than the summer; consequently it is not possible to comment on individual questions. However, several general points emerged from the quality of work presented.

1. Some candidates who had been entered for Paper 2H did not display sufficient knowledge and understanding in the chosen A Themes to reach Grade C. Centres are reminded that 50/75 marks on Paper 2H are gained on the A Themes. Candidates who are under-prepared for these themes are unlikely to make up lost ground on the chosen B Depth Study.
2. Questions (b) and (c) on the A Themes do not require lengthy answers. Candidates should be encouraged to achieve Level 2 by being concise.
3. In answers to questions (b) and (c) in the B Depth Studies, candidates **MUST** make use of the sources and their own knowledge if they are to achieve higher levels. In the summer 2006 series, candidates who do not make use of the sources will not be credited with higher levels.
4. Teachers are advised that candidates should be made aware of the extension pages at the end of the Paper 3 booklet. Some candidates appeared to try to make answers 'fit' into the available space rather than use the extra pages to complete answers.
5. Candidates who are entered for Paper 4 (coursework) must complete assignments on two different topics. They may not complete two versions of the same assignment.
6. Centres are requested to ensure that candidates enter the correct centre number on all answer booklets.