

Mapping the current International GCSE History and new International GCSE in History specifications, examination papers and content

- The single 2 hour 30 minute exam paper has been split into two 1 hour 30 minute exam papers.
- The existing Paper 1 Section A is now in Paper 1. The existing Paper 1 Sections B and C are now in Paper 2.
- Revised content in some options, as requested by Ofqual.
- Amendments requested by Ofqual to mark schemes-to improve language of differentiation.
- Reduction of text that explains sources in Paper 2, reduction in scaffolding supporting Paper 2 section B (c) questions

NEW International GCSE in History	Current International GCSE in History
<p>Overview of content</p> <p>Paper 1 Students must study TWO options A maximum of one option can be studied from each group (A-C). Students must study options from more than one country</p> <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1: Development of a nation: Unification of Germany 1848-71 • 2: Development of a nation: Unification of Italy 1852-70 • 3: Russia: Autocracy and revolt 1881-1914 <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4: Development of dictatorship: Italy 1918-43 • 5: Development of dictatorship: Germany 1918-45 • 6: A world divided: International relations between the wars 1919-39 <p>Group C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7: Russia: Dictatorship and conflict 1924-53 • 8: A world divided: superpower relations 1945-62 • 9: A divided union: civil rights in the USA 1945-74 <p>A divided union: depression and recovery in the USA 1929-45 is no longer available following feedback from OFQUAL Assessment in Paper 1 is similar to Section A of the current International GCSE specification</p>	<p>Overview of content</p> <p>Paper 1: Section A Students must study any TWO themes A1-A10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1: Development of a nation: Unification of Italy 1852-70 • A2: Development of a nation: Unification of Germany 1848-71 • A3: Development of dictatorship: Germany 1918-45 • A4: Development of dictatorship: Italy 1918-43 • A5: Russia: Autocracy and revolt 1881-1914 • A6: Russia: Dictatorship and conflict 1924-53 • A7: A divided union: depression and recovery in the USA 1929-45 • A8: A divided union: civil rights in the USA 1945-74 • A9: A world divided: International relations between the wars 1919-39 • A10: A world divided: superpower relations 1945-62

Paper 2 – Section 1

Students must study any ONE historical investigation A1-A6:

- A1: The French Revolution c1780-94
- A2: The origins and course of the First World War 1905-18
- A3: Russia in Revolution 1914-24
- A4: The USA 1917-29
- A5: Colonial rule and the nationalist challenge in India 1917-47
- A6: The fall of communism in Europe 1979-91

Paper 2 – Section 2

Students must choose ONE study in change C1-C8:

- B1: The changing nature of warfare 1803-1905
- B2: Changes in medicine c1845-c1945
- B3: Changing role of international organisations: the League and UN 1919-2000
- B4: Conflict, crisis and change: The Middle East c1919-c1994
- B5: Conflict, crisis and change: China c1911-c1989
- B6: Change in Africa from colonialism to independence 1939-2000
- B7: The changing nature of warfare c1936-c2003

Revolution and change in Europe 1789-1848 is no longer available following feedback from OFQUAL

Assessment in Paper 2 is similar to Sections B and C of the current International GCSE specification.

Paper 1: Section B

Students must study any ONE historical investigation B1-B6:

- B1: The French Revolution 1789-94
- B2: The First World War 1914-18
- B3: Russia in Revolution 1914-24
- B4: The USA 1917-29
- B5: Colonial rule and the nationalist challenge in India 1917-47
- B6: The fall of communism in Europe 1979-91

Paper 1: Section C

Students must choose ONE study in change C1-C8:

- C1: Revolution and change in Europe 1789-1848
- C2: The changing nature of warfare 1803-1905
- C3: Changes in medicine c1845-c1945
- C4: Changing role of international organisations: the League and UN 1919-2000
- C5: Conflict, crisis and change: The Middle East c1919-c1973
- C6: Conflict, crisis and change: China c1934-c1989
- C7: Change in Africa from colonialism to independence 1945-2000
- C8: The changing nature of warfare c1936-c2003

Overview of assessment

Externally-assessed through two 1 hour 30 minute examination papers, set and marked by Edexcel
First assessment: June 2014

In Paper 1, students answer two questions, each worth 25 marks, one on each of the depth studies they have studied.

In Paper 2, students answer two questions, each worth 25 marks, one question on their historical investigation and one question on their breadth study in change.

The total number of marks available is 100.

Overview of assessment

The assessment of this qualification is through a 2-hour and 30-minute examination paper, set and marked by Edexcel.

The examination paper has three sections.

- In Section A, students answer two questions, each on a theme, each question is worth 25 marks.
- In Section B, students answer one question worth 25 marks.
- In Section C, students answer one question worth 25 marks.

The total number of marks available is 100.