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1 About this specification

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History is part of a suite of International GCSE qualifications offered by Pearson.

This qualification is not accredited or regulated by any UK regulatory body.

This specification includes the following key features.

**Structure**: the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History is a linear qualification. All units must be taken at the end of the course of study.

**Content**: features an updated and engaging selection of topics covering a diverse range of significant historical events, periods and geographies.

**Assessment**: 100% external assessment, covered by two examinations.

**Approach**: building a foundation for students wishing to progress to Edexcel AS and Advanced Level in History, or equivalent qualifications.

**Specification updates**

This specification is Issue 1 and is valid for the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History examination from June 2019. If there are any significant changes to the specification Pearson will inform centres to let them know. Changes will also be posted on our website.

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**Using this specification**

This specification has been designed to give guidance to teachers and encourage effective delivery of the qualification. The following information will help you get the most out of the content and guidance.

**Depth and breadth of content**: teachers should use the full range of content and all the Assessment Objectives given in Section 3: History content.
Qualification aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of this qualification are to enable students to:

- develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of specified key events, periods and societies in history; and of the wide diversity of human experience
- engage in historical enquiry to develop as independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers
- develop the ability to ask relevant questions about the past, to investigate issues critically and to make valid historical claims by using a range of sources in their historical context
- develop an awareness that different people, events and developments have been accorded historical significance and how and why different interpretations have been constructed about them
- organise and communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in different ways and reach substantiated conclusions.
Why choose Edexcel qualifications?

Pearson – the world’s largest education company

Edexcel academic qualifications are from Pearson, the UK’s largest awarding organisation. With over 3.4 million students studying our academic and vocational qualifications worldwide, we offer internationally recognised qualifications to schools, colleges and employers globally.

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Pearson’s world-class standards mean that all Edexcel qualifications are developed to be rigorous, demanding, inclusive and empowering. We work collaboratively with a panel of educational thought leaders and assessment experts, to ensure that Edexcel qualifications are globally relevant, represent World-Class best practice and maintain a consistent standard.

For more information on the World-Class qualification process and principles please go to Appendix 2: Pearson World-Class Qualification principles or visit our website: uk.pearson.com/world-class-qualifications
Why choose Edexcel International GCSE in History?

We’ve listened to feedback from all parts of the International school and UK Independent school subject community, including a large number of teachers. We’ve made changes that will engage International students and give them skills that will support progression to the further study of History and a wide range of other subjects.

The content and assessment approach for this qualification has been designed to meet learner needs in the following ways:

No forbidden combinations – With no compulsory topics and no forbidden combinations, teachers can choose areas of study that they’ll enjoy teaching and that will engage their learners.

International topic choices – We’re ensured that our topic choices are diverse and international, covering a broad geographical spread, with some brand new topics for those looking to teach something new.

Clear and straightforward question papers – Our question papers are clear and accessible for all students of all ability ranges and learning styles. Our mark schemes are straightforward, so that the assessment requirements are clear.

Broad and deep development of learners’ skills – The design of the revised International GCSE aims to extend learners’ knowledge and understanding by broadening and deepening skills, for example learners:

Develop the ability to:

- explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied using second order historical concepts
- use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources
- analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied

Progression to A Level – International GCSEs enable successful progression onto A level and beyond. Through our World-Class qualification development process we have consulted with International A level and GCE A level teachers as well as university professors to validate the appropriateness of this qualification, including its content, skills development and assessment structure.

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Supporting you in planning and implementing this qualification

Planning

- Our Getting Started Guide gives you an overview of the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History to help you understand the changes to content and assessment, and what these changes mean for you and your students.
- We will give you an editable course planner and schemes of work.

Teaching and learning

Our skills maps highlight opportunities for students to develop skills that are directly and indirectly assessed.

Preparing for exams

We will give you a range of resources to help you prepare your students for the assessments, including specimen papers to use for formative assessments and for mock exams.

ResultsPlus

ResultsPlus provides the most detailed analysis available of your students’ exam performance. It can help you to identify the topics and skills where further learning would benefit your students.

examWizard

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2 Qualification at a glance

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History comprises two mandatory papers. It is a linear qualification and all papers must be taken at the end of the course of study.

Paper overview

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Content summary

Students must study at least two depth studies from the following.

1. The French Revolution, c1780–99
2. Development of a nation: unification of Italy, 1848–70
3. Germany: development of dictatorship, 1918–45
4. Colonial rule and the nationalist challenge in India, 1919–47
5. Dictatorship and conflict in the USSR, 1924–53
6. A world divided: superpower relations, 1943–72
7. A divided union: civil rights in the USA, 1945–74
8. South Africa: from union to the end of apartheid, 1948–94

Students will:

• gain knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of historical periods
• develop skills to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied
• develop skills to explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied, using second-order historical concepts.

Assessment

• Students are assessed through an examination based on their selected depth studies.
• Students answer two questions, one on each of the depth studies they have studied.
• There are 60 marks available in total.
• The assessment duration is 1 hour 30 minutes.

*See Appendix 1: Codes for a description of this code and all the other codes relevant to this qualification.
**Paper 2: Investigation and Breadth Studies**

- Externally assessed
- Availability: June
- First assessment: June 2019

**Content summary**

Students must study **one** historical investigation from the following.

A1 The origins and course of the First World War, 1905–18
A2 Russia and the Soviet Union, 1905–24
A3 The USA, 1918–41
A4 The Vietnam Conflict, 1945–75
A5 East Germany, 1958–90

Students must study **one** breadth study in change from the following.

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B2 Changes in medicine, c1848–c1948
B3 Japan in transformation, 1853–1945
B4 China: conflict, crisis and change, 1900–89
B5 The changing role of international organisations: the league and the UN, 1919–c2011
B6 The changing nature of warfare and international conflict, 1919–2011
B7 The Middle East: conflict, crisis and change, 1917–2012

Students will:
- gain knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of historical periods
- develop skills to explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied, using second-order historical concepts
- learn how to use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources
- develop skills to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.

**Assessment**

- Students are assessed through an examination based on their **historical investigation** and **breadth study in change**.
- Students answer **two** questions, **one** question on their historical investigation and **one** question on their breadth study in change.
- There are 60 marks available in total.
- The assessment duration is 1 hour 30 minutes.

*See **Appendix 1: Codes** for a description of this code and all the other codes relevant to this qualification.*
3 History content

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History qualification requires students to:

- acquire knowledge and understanding of selected periods and/or aspects of history, exploring the significance of historical events, people, changes and issues
- use historical sources critically, in context, recording significant information and reaching conclusions
- develop an awareness that different interpretations have been constructed about people, events and developments
- organise and communicate their knowledge and understanding of history
- draw conclusions and make historical judgements.
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1 The French Revolution, c1780–99

What students need to learn:

1 The origins of the Revolution, c1780–87
   - The long-term causes: the influence of the Enlightenment, the impact in France of involvement in the American War of Independence, the Three Estates – their duties and privileges, the role of Louis XVI, the unpopularity of Marie Antoinette, the reasons for and extent of financial problems, policies of Necker, the problem of poor harvests.

2 Short-term causes of the Revolution: from Assembly of Notables to Estates General, 1787–89
   - The short-term causes: the Assembly of Notables (1787), the policies of Calonne and Brienne and their consequences, the key events of 1789 and their causes and consequences, including the meeting of the Estates General, the Tennis Court Oath, the storming of the Bastille, the Grande Peur, the setting up of the National Assembly.

3 Developments 1789–92
   - Changes brought about by the Constituent Assembly (1789–91), the flight to Varennes and its impact, the roles of the Sans Culottes, Girondins and Jacobins, the Legislative Assembly (1791–92), the declaration of war on Austria and Prussia and its impact, the reasons for the coup of August 1792 and the setting up of the National Convention.

4 Convention and Terror, 1792–94
   - The National Convention, the Edict of Fraternity, the trial and execution of Louis XVI, the work of the Committee of Public Safety, the elimination of the Girondins, the role of Robespierre, the reason for and impact of the Terror.

5 Directory and First Consul – the fall of Robespierre to the rise of Napoleon, 1794–99
   - Reasons for Robespierre’s downfall and execution. The Thermidorian Reaction, the White Terror; the setting up of the Directory, its limitations and achievements, the royalist challenge and the coup of 18 Fructidor, the reasons for the fall of the Directory; Napoleon Bonaparte named “First Consul”, achievements of the Revolution in France (1789–99).
## 2 Development of a nation: unification of Italy, 1848–70

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### 1 The 1848 Revolutions in the Italian states

The causes of the 1848 Revolutions in the Italian states, including new constitutions in Tuscany and Piedmont, Mazzini’s failed democratic revolt against the Pope in Rome. Reasons for failure of the 1848 Revolution. The legacy of the 1848 Revolutions: Victor Emmanuel and the Statuto, the impact of Austrian dominance, the impact on the papacy, the French occupation of Rome.

### 2 Developments in Piedmont, 1849–54

Political developments in Piedmont; the rule of Victor Emmanuel II; the appointment of Cavour (1852) and its impact. Cavour’s financial and domestic reforms, economic expansion and his policies to reduce the influence of the Church.

### 3 The defeat of Austria, 1854–59

Piedmont’s relationship with Austria. The significance of the Crimean War. Causes of the Second Italian War of Independence, including nationalism in Piedmont, relations with Napoleon III, the significance of the Orsini Affair and the Pact of Plombières. Origins, events and results of the Austrian war, including the significance of the battles of Magenta and Solferino, the Treaty of Villafranca, Cavour’s resignation, annexation of the Central States and the loss of Nice and Savoy.

### 4 Garibaldi and the Papal States

Garibaldi’s motives for intervention in Naples and Sicily and his relationship with Cavour and Victor Emmanuel II. Proclamation of Kingdom of Italy. Garibaldi’s successes in Sicily and Naples and the Papal States and the reaction of the great powers and Cavour. The establishment of the Kingdom of Italy.

### 5 Venice and Rome and the extent of unification by 1870

Obstacles to unity after 1861: the role of Austria, France and the Pope, including ‘Piedmontisation’, Piedmont and Austro-Prussian War, the second battle of Custozza and Union with Venetia; the problem of Rome: the papacy and French occupation. The failure of Garibaldi’s diplomacy (1862–67), Piedmont and the Franco-Prussian War and the acquisition of Rome. Unity in 1870: factors promoting and working against unity.
# Germany: development of dictatorship, 1918–45

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### 1 The establishment of the Weimar Republic and its early problems


### 2 The recovery of Germany, 1924–29


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### 4 Nazi Germany 1933–39

Setting up the Nazi dictatorship through the Reichstag Fire, Enabling Act, Night of the Long Knives and Hitler as Führer. The methods of Nazi control and the extent to which they were successful, including the police state, censorship and propaganda. Nazi policies towards education, women, the young, the Churches and their impact. Nazi racial policies and increasing persecution of Jews. Policies to reduce unemployment and their impact. The Labour Service, the Labour Front and Strength Through Joy.

### 5 Germany and the occupied territories during the Second World War

Nazi policies towards the Jews, including ghettos, death squads and the Final Solution. The Home Front, including changing role of women, ‘total war’, rationing and the effects of allied bombing. The growth of opposition to Hitler, including the Edelweiss Pirates, the White Rose Group and the July Bomb Plot (1944). Hitler’s death and the end of the Third Reich.
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<td>The causes, nature and consequences of the rise of nationalism in India, Gandhi and his aims and methods, Congress and Swaraj, civil disobedience. The Satyagraha Campaign. Attitude of Congress to the British, Muslims and untouchables. The role of Jinnah.</td>
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<td>The impact of the Second World War on India</td>
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## 5 Dictatorship and conflict in the USSR, 1924–53

### What students need to learn:

| 1 | The leadership struggle, 1924–29 | The rivals for the leadership, including Stalin, Trotsky, Kamenev, Bukharin and Zinoviev. Strengths and weaknesses of Stalin and Trotsky. Stalin’s steps to power (1924–29), his emergence as leader of the USSR and the reasons for his success. |
| 3 | Purges, show trials, the cult of Stalin and the revision of history | Reasons for purges, including the murder of Kirov. Key features of the purges of the 1930s. Control of the populace, including the roles of Yezhov, the NKVD and the gulags. The conditions in the gulags. Reasons for and features of the Moscow Show Trials (1936–38). Purges of the armed forces. Impact of the purges on the Soviet Union. Reasons for and methods of the cult of personality. Censorship, propaganda, ‘socialist realism’, control of education and the Soviet interpretation of history. |
| 4 | Life in the Soviet Union, 1924–41 | Effects of Stalin’s policies on living and working conditions in town and countryside. The differing experiences of social groups. Changes in family life and employment and in the political position of women. Changes in education. Reasons for, and features of, the persecution of ethnic minorities. |
| 5 | The Second World War and after, 1941–53 | The reasons for and extent of Soviet setbacks (1941–42), and the reasons for the survival of the USSR and success in driving back the German invasion, including war production. The significance of Stalingrad. Post-war recovery and the Fourth Five-year Plan. Stalin’s popularity. Post-war purges. The strength of the USSR on the death of Stalin in 1953 and the impact of his period in power. |
6 A world divided: superpower relations, 1943–72

What students need to learn:

1 Reasons for the Cold War
Long-term rivalry between the Soviet Union and the West and the ideological differences between Communism and Capitalism. Tensions and disagreements during the Second World War. Key features of the conferences at Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam. The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The attitudes of Truman and Stalin.

2 Early developments in the Cold War, 1945–49

3 The Cold War in the 1950s

4 Three crises: Berlin, Cuba and Czechoslovakia
The U2 incident (1960) and its effects on the Paris Summit Conference. Reasons for the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961, including the refugee problem. The effects of the Berlin Wall on relations between East and West Germany and between the Superpowers. The Bay of Pigs invasion, the causes and key events of the Cuban Missile Crisis and the reasons for its outcome. The Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia – its causes, events and impact, including the Brezhnev Doctrine.

5 The Thaw and moves towards Détente, 1963–72
7  A divided union: civil rights in the USA, 1945–74

What students need to learn:

1  The Red Scare and McCarthyism
   Reasons for the Red Scare, including the Cold War (1945–50), Hiss and Rosenberg cases, the FBI, the HUAC and the Hollywood Ten. Methods used by McCarthy and the growth of opposition. Reasons for his downfall. Overall impact of McCarthyism on the USA.

2  Civil rights in the 1950s

3  The impact of civil rights protests, 1960–74

4  Other protest movements: students, women, anti–Vietnam

5  Nixon and Watergate
### 8 South Africa: from union to the end of apartheid, 1948–94

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A5 East Germany, 1958–90

Students must study one breadth study in change from the following.
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Assessment overview
• Students are assessed through an examination based on their historical investigation and breadth study in change.
• Students answer two questions, one question on their historical investigation and one question on their breadth study in change.
• There are 60 marks available in total.
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# A4 The Vietnam Conflict, 1945–75

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A5 East Germany, 1958–90

What students need to learn:

1 **The Berlin Wall crisis, 1958–63**
   - The origins of the Wall – the refugee problem and its impact on the GDR. The influence of Ulbricht and Khrushchev. The impact of the Wall on East Berliners, security and escapes.

2 **Stabilisation and control: the GDR, 1962–87**
   - Causes and nature of economic stabilisation, including ending emigration; the New Economic System and Economic System of Socialism (1962–71); the role of Comecon. Economic problems in the 1980s, including welfare overspends and poor quality goods. The nature of state control, including the role of the Stasi, the extent of control of the young, religion and the church. Propaganda and censorship. Extent of support for and opposition to the GDR. Relations with the Eastern bloc, including the Soviet Union.

3 **Life in the GDR – social change, 1962–87**
   - Daily life, including the provision of employment, housing, education and welfare. The changing role of women. Honecker and the development of a GDR identity; mass media; the importance of sport.

4 **Ostpolitik – relations with the Federal Republic, 1969–87**
   - Relations with West Germany: Ostpolitik and its impact, the agreements of 1970–72; the relaxation of travel restrictions and increased communication with the FRG, impact on the GDR’s economy and standard of living. International recognition of the GDR; state visits.

5 **The Peaceful Revolution, 1987–90**
   - The influence of Gorbachev, including on the protest movements. Key events of 1989, border openings with Hungary and Austria, Gorbachev’s visit in October, the decline of Honecker, Krenz and the opening of the Berlin Wall. The immediate causes of the end of the GDR (1989–90), the collapse of the SED government and the elections of March 1990, the reunification of East and West Germany (March–October 1990).
B1 America: from new nation to divided union, 1783–1877

This unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- the relationship of the separate states to the whole
- the issue of slavery
- the problems posed by an expanding nation
- the role of government policy
- the significance of financial and economic factors.

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c) which will relate to a period of not less than 25 years, normally drawing on the content of at least two topics.

What students need to learn:

1. Building a new nation, 1783–1809
   - The nature and impact of tensions between large and small states and the clash over slavery. The significance of Shays’ Rebellion. The Connecticut Compromise and the Constitutional Convention (1787). The work of, and divisions between, the Founding Fathers, including Federalists versus Anti-federalists, the Bill of Rights. Strict Constructionists versus Loose Constructionists. Jefferson’s presidency, including his ‘1800 Revolution’ and States’ Rights.

2. Westward expansion and Native American removal, 1803–49
   - Opposition to Westward expansion from Spain, Britain and Native Americans. The significance of the Louisiana Purchase and the Transcontinental Treaty. Expansion and sectional conflict – the Missouri Compromise. The Indian Removal Act, the Trail of Tears. Settling the West – Manifest Destiny, migration to Texas and Oregon and the significance of the California Gold Rush.

3. Slavery, the South and the causes of secession, 1850–61
   - The political conflict over slavery and states’ rights, including the compromise of 1850, the Kansas–Nebraska Act of 1854 and Bleeding Kansas and the Dred Scott case. The economic origins of the division between Union and Confederacy. The immediate causes of the Civil War, including the roles of John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, Fort Sumter and the secession of South Carolina.

4. Civil War and the end of slavery, 1861–65
   - The Civil War and the reasons for Union victory. The role of military leadership, including Lee, Sherman and Grant. The Union naval blockade. The impact of the political leadership of Lincoln and Davis; the Emancipation Proclamation and Gettysburg Address. The impact of the Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg (1863) and the ‘March Through Georgia’ (1864). The consequences of the destruction of the Southern economy.
5 A More Perfect Union? 1865–77

The role of Johnson and the Reconstruction Act of 1867 restoring the seceded states to the Union. Black Reconstruction: the Freedman’s Bureau and the Southern response, the Black Codes; the Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1875 and the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. The failure of Grant’s Peace Policy towards Native Americans, Custer’s Last Stand and its aftermath.
B2 Changes in medicine, c1848–c1948

This unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- changes in medical treatment and in understanding the cause of illness
- improvements in public health provision
- changes in surgery
- the changing role of women in medicine
- the impact of war and science and technology on medicine.

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c) which will normally draw on the content of two or more topics.

What students need to learn:

1  Progress in the mid-19th century; Nightingale, Chadwick, Snow and Simpson

   Barriers to progress, especially the lack of understanding of causes of disease. Florence Nightingale and changes in nursing and hospitals at Scutari. Dangers in surgery: pain, infection and bleeding; the impact of Simpson and chloroform. Problems and improvements in public health, including the work of Chadwick and the effects of the Public Health Act (1848), the cholera threat and the work of Snow.

2  Discovery and development, 1860–75; Lister and Pasteur


3  Accelerating change, 1875–1905; Ehrlich, Koch and chemistry

   The fight against germs, including the work of Koch and bacteriology; aseptic surgery; the impact of the Public Health Act (1875) for improving public health; science and medicine: blood transfusions, magic bullets and the work of Ehrlich, radioactivity and the impact of Marie Curie.

4  Government action and war, 1905–20

   The impact on public health of the measures (1906–11) of the Liberal Governments. The importance of the First World War for the role of women in medicine and improvements in medical treatment, surgery, x-rays, blood transfusion and fighting infection.
5 Advances in medicine, surgery and public health 1920–48; the NHS

The development of penicillin and the roles of Fleming, Florey and Chain. The importance of the Second World War for developments in surgery, including skin grafts and blood transfusion, and for the role of women in medicine. Beveridge, the development of the NHS and its importance for public health.
B3 Japan in transformation, 1853–1945

This unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- external influences on Japan
- Japan awakens – military expansionism from seclusion to world power and defeat
- the modernisation of the economy – the problems of industrialisation
- social transformation in a modern world
- political change.

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c) which will normally draw on the content of two or more topics.

What students need to learn:

1 Japan opening up to China and the West, 1853–67
   - The Perry Mission – experiencing the West, opening the ports – the political, economic and social effects.
   - Causes of the fall of the Tokugawa – corruption and incompetence within the government; the ‘other’ Japanese – Choshu and Satsuma.

2 Transformation, 1867–1895
   - Impact on economy and society of the fall of the Tokugawa. Political modernisation as represented in the Meiji Constitution. The impact of the Cultural Revolution and the breakup of the Restoration Coalition (1873). Meiji culture – civilisation, Enlightenment and relations with Christianity.

3 An emerging power, 1895–1919
   - Impact of industrial and commercial revolution in the Meiji period. Emperor Taisho and power transfer from oligarchy to Taisho Democracy (1912). Changes in Taisho culture and society for Taisho Youth, women, village and urban cultures. Relations with China and the West, including the advance of Japanese influence and possessions in Korea and China following the Sino-Japanese War (1895), Boxer Rebellion (1900), Russo-Japanese War (1904–05), Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902) and the Treaty of Versailles (1919).

4 Political and economic challenges, 1919–31
   - Political conflicts, including the struggle over universal suffrage, an emerging labour movement and the Public Security Preservation Law (1925). Economic decline in the 1920s: the impact of The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 and the effects on society, trade and industry of world Depression from 1929.
5 Depression, empire and collapse, 1931–45

Political and social effects of Tenko (rejecting communism). The causes and political effects of a return to military dictatorship in the 1930s. Strained relations with the West and especially the USA; the Great East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, including Manchukuo (1931) and relations with the League of Nations. The effects on people at home and in occupied countries of Konoe’s New Order during the War in Southeast Asia (1937–45). The effects of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, including the surrender of the Showa Emperor.
B4 China: conflict, crisis and change, 1900–89

This unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- civil conflict – order and disorder
- external influences on China
- economic transformation
- social transformation
- the role of leadership.

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c), which will normally draw on the content of two or more topics.

What students need to learn:

1. The fall of the Qing, Warlordism and chaos, 1900–34

2. The triumph of Mao and the CCP, 1934–49

3. Change under Mao, 1949–63
   - Changes in agriculture and industry, including the first Five-year Plan, attack on landlords, the Agrarian Reform Law, cooperatives and collectives. Changes in the role of women. Political changes, including the Thought Reform, the Three- and Five-anti Campaigns. The Hundred Flowers Campaign. The reasons for, key features and effects of the Great Leap Forward. The influence of the Soviet Union on developments in China.

4. The Cultural Revolution and its impact, 1965–76
5 China, 1976–89

B5 The changing role of international organisations: the league and the UN, 1919–c2011

This unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- the organisation and decision making of the League and the UN
- policing conflict – the role of peacekeeping in resolving international conflicts
- the work of the specialised agencies
- the strengths and weaknesses of the organisations
- Great Power involvement in the League (Britain and France) and the UN (US and USSR).

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c), which will normally draw on the content of two or more topics.

What students need to learn:

1. The creation and successes of the League, 1919–29
   - Woodrow Wilson and the setting up of the League. The Covenant of the League of Nations. Membership; Assembly, Council, Secretariat, League agencies and commissions. Successes of the League, including the Aaland Islands (1920), Upper Silesia (1921), the Greek-Bulgarian War (1925), Refugee and Drugs Committee.

2. The League challenged, 1930–39
   - The roles of the Great Powers, including the problem of the veto and the failure to curb the dictators. Failures in Manchuria (1931–33), Abyssinia (1935–36). The continuing work of the specialised agencies, including the Child Welfare Committee and the slavery commissions.

3. Setting up the United Nations Organisation and its work to 1964
   - Setting up of the UN and the UN Charter, including structural problems. General Assembly and Security Council, Secretariat, secretary-general, UN peacekeeping forces, Human Rights Commission and UN agencies, the continuing work of the ILO, and the Refugee Organisations; the Mandates Commission and the Disarmament Commission, WHO, FAO, UNESCO and UNICEF. The UN role in Palestine (1947–49), the Korean War (1950–53), and the Congo (1960–64).

4. The UN challenged, 1967–89
   - Case studies in limited success, including the UN role in the Middle East, especially the continuing Palestine problem – Resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) – and the problem of Lebanon (1975–85). The attempt to resolve disputes in Namibia (1989). The problem of Security decisions – the ‘Permanent 5’.
5 The UN at bay, 1990–2011

B6 The changing nature of warfare and international conflict, 1919–2011

This unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- land warfare
- sea warfare
- air warfare
- weaponry, technology and communications
- guerrilla warfare.

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c) which will normally draw on the content of two or more topics.

**What students need to learn:**

1. **The changing nature of warfare, 1919–39**
   Changes in the nature of warfare, including gas, tanks and heavy artillery. Emergence of submarines and military aircraft – fighter and bomber planes in conflicts in East Asia and Abyssinia. Use of guerrilla tactics in the Spanish Civil War.

2. **Changing methods of warfare by land, air and sea, 1939–45**
   Blitzkrieg in Europe. The Battle of Britain, the Blitz, V weapons and the allied bombing of Germany. Developments in U-boat warfare in the Atlantic. Amphibious and paratrooper operations such as D-Day and Arnhem (1944–45). Civilian resistance movements, especially in France. The importance of aircraft carriers in the Pacific War (1941–45).

3. **New forms of conflict – nuclear and guerrilla war versus conventional war, 1945–75**

5 Changing methods of warfare at the beginning of the 21st century, 2000–2011

Impact of terrorism, especially 9/11. New wars and high-tech warfare, the importance of ‘surgical’ air strikes in the 21st century wars in the Middle East. The development of drone wars in Pakistan and unmanned land vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan.
The unit comprises five key topics, each centred on crucial developments in the history of this period. The following themes run through the key topics:

- international involvement in Middle East conflicts
- the problem of disputed territorial claims
- military conflicts – the key wars
- political and diplomatic attempts to achieve lasting peace
- the role of terrorism.

These themes will be the focus of Paper 2, sub-question (c) which will normally draw on the content of two or more topics.

**What students need to learn:**

1. **Build up of tension in Palestine, 1917–46**

2. **The creation of Israel, the war of 1948–49 and the Suez Crisis of 1956**

3. **Tension and conflict, 1956–73**

4. **Diplomacy, peace then wider war, 1973–83**
   - Kissinger and Shuttle Diplomacy (1973–75). Reasons for terms and results of the Camp David Agreements. The roles of Sadat, Begin and Carter. Widening of the conflict into Lebanon (1982-83), including the role of the PLO.
5 The attempts to find a lasting peace, 1987–2012

## Assessment requirements

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All components will be available for assessment from June 2019.
5 Administration and general information

Entries

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Access arrangements, reasonable adjustments, special consideration and malpractice

Equality and fairness are central to our work. Our Equality Policy requires all students to have equal opportunity to access our qualifications and assessments, and our qualifications to be awarded in a way that is fair to every student.

We are committed to making sure that:

- students with a protected characteristic (as defined by the UK Equality Act 2010) are not, when they are undertaking one of our qualifications, disadvantaged in comparison to students who do not share that characteristic
- all students achieve the recognition they deserve for undertaking a qualification and that this achievement can be compared fairly to the achievement of their peers.

Language of assessment

Assessment of this qualification will only be available in English. All student work must be in English.

We recommend that students are able to read and write in English at Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
Access arrangements

Access arrangements are agreed before an assessment. They allow students with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to:

- access the assessment
- show what they know and can do without changing the demands of the assessment.

The intention behind an access arrangement is to meet the particular needs of an individual student with a disability without affecting the integrity of the assessment. Access arrangements are the principal way in which awarding bodies comply with the duty under the UK Equality Act 2010 to make ‘reasonable adjustments’.

Access arrangements should always be processed at the start of the course. Students will then know what is available and have the access arrangement(s) in place for assessment.

Reasonable adjustments

The UK Equality Act 2010 requires an awarding organisation to make reasonable adjustments where a student with a disability would be at a substantial disadvantage in undertaking an assessment. The awarding organisation is required to take reasonable steps to overcome that disadvantage.

A reasonable adjustment for a particular student may be unique to that individual and therefore might not be in the list of available access arrangements.

Whether an adjustment will be considered reasonable will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the needs of the student with the disability
- the effectiveness of the adjustment
- the cost of the adjustment; and
- the likely impact of the adjustment on the student with the disability and other students.

An adjustment will not be approved if it involves unreasonable costs to the awarding organisation, timeframes or affects the security or integrity of the assessment. This is because the adjustment is not ‘reasonable’.

Special consideration

Special consideration is a post-examination adjustment to a student’s mark or grade to reflect temporary injury, illness or other indisposition at the time of the examination/assessment, which has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate’s ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her level of attainment in an assessment.

Further information

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For further information about access arrangements, reasonable adjustments and special consideration please refer to the JCQ website: www.jcq.org.uk


Malpractice

Candidate malpractice

Candidate malpractice refers to any act by a candidate that compromises or seeks to compromise the process of assessment or which undermines the integrity of the qualifications or the validity of results/certificates.

Candidate malpractice in controlled assessments discovered before the candidate has signed the declaration of authentication form does not need to be reported to Pearson.

Candidate malpractice found in controlled assessments after the declaration of authenticity has been signed, and in examinations must be reported to Pearson on a JCQ Form MI (available at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice). The completed form can be emailed to pqsmalpractice@pearson.com or posted to Investigations Team, Pearson, 190 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH. Please provide as much information and supporting documentation as possible. Note that the final decision regarding appropriate sanctions lies with Pearson.

Failure to report candidate malpractice constitutes staff or centre malpractice.

Staff/centre malpractice

Staff and centre malpractice includes both deliberate malpractice and maladministration of our qualifications. As with candidate malpractice, staff and centre malpractice is any act that compromises or seeks to compromise the process of assessment or undermines the integrity of the qualifications or the validity of results/certificates.

All cases of suspected staff malpractice and maladministration must be reported immediately, before any investigation is undertaken by the centre, to Pearson on a JCQ Form M2a (available at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice).

The form, supporting documentation and as much information as possible can be emailed to: pqsmalpractice@pearson.com or posted to Investigations Team, Pearson, 190 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH. Note that the final decision regarding appropriate sanctions lies with Pearson.

Failure to report malpractice itself constitutes malpractice.

More detailed guidance on malpractice can be found in the latest version of the document JCQ General and vocational qualifications: Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments, available at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice
Awarding and reporting

The International GCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on a nine-grade scale from 9 to 1 using the total subject mark where 9 is the highest grade. Individual components are not graded. The first certification opportunity for the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in History will be in 2018. Students whose level of achievement is below the minimum judged by Pearson to be of sufficient standard to be recorded on a certificate will receive an unclassified U result.

Student recruitment and progression

Pearson’s policy concerning recruitment to our qualifications is that:

- they must be available to anyone who is capable of reaching the required standard
- they must be free from barriers that restrict access and progression
- equal opportunities exist for all students.

Prior learning and other requirements

There are no prior learning or other requirements for this qualification.

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to AS and A Levels in History and other subjects.
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## Appendix 1: Codes

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<td>Subject codes</td>
<td>The subject code is used by centres to enter students for a qualification.</td>
<td>International GCSE – 4HI1</td>
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| Paper codes | These codes are provided for information. Students may need to be entered for individual papers. | Paper 1: 4HI1/01  
Paper 2: 4HI1/02 |
Appendix 2: Pearson World-Class Qualification principles

Pearson’s World Class Qualification design principles mean that all Edexcel qualifications are developed to be rigorous, demanding, inclusive and empowering.

We work collaboratively to gain approval from an external panel of educational thought leaders and assessment experts from across the globe. This is to ensure that Edexcel qualifications are globally relevant, represent world-class best practice in qualification and assessment design, maintain a consistent standard and support learner progression in today’s fast changing world.

Pearson’s Expert Panel for World-Class Qualifications is chaired by Sir Michael Barber, a leading authority on education systems and reform. He is joined by a wide range of key influencers with expertise in education and employability.

‘I’m excited to be in a position to work with the global leaders in curriculum and assessment to take a fresh look at what young people need to know and be able to do in the 21st century, and to consider how we can give them the opportunity to access that sort of education.’ Sir Michael Barber.

Endorsement from Pearson’s Expert Panel for World-Class Qualifications for International GCSE development processes

‘We were chosen, either because of our expertise in the UK education system, or because of our experience in reforming qualifications in other systems around the world as diverse as Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia and a number of countries across Europe.'
We have guided Pearson through what we judge to be a rigorous world-class qualification development process that has included:

- extensive international comparability of subject content against the highest-performing jurisdictions in the world
- benchmarking assessments against UK and overseas providers to ensure that they are at the right level of demand
- establishing External Subject Advisory Groups, drawing on independent subject-specific expertise to challenge and validate our qualifications.

Importantly, we have worked to ensure that the content and learning is future oriented, and that the design has been guided by Pearson’s Efficacy Framework. This is a structured, evidence-based process which means that learner outcomes have been at the heart of this development throughout.

We understand that ultimately it is excellent teaching that is the key factor to a learner’s success in education but as a result of our work as a panel we are confident that we have supported the development of Edexcel International GCSE qualifications that are outstanding for their coherence, thoroughness and attention to detail and can be regarded as representing world-class best practice.’

Sir Michael Barber (Chair)
Chief Education Advisor, Pearson plc

Professor Sing Kong Lee
Professor, National Institute of Education in Singapore

Dr Peter Hill
Former Chief Executive ACARA

Bahram Bekhradnia
President, Higher Education Policy Institute

Professor Jonathan Osborne
Stanford University

Dame Sally Coates
Director of Academies (South), United Learning Trust

Professor Dr Ursula Renold
Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland

Professor Bob Schwartz
Harvard Graduate School of Education

Professor Janice Kay
Provost, University of Exeter

Jane Beine
Head of Partner Development, John Lewis Partnership

Jason Holt
CEO, Holts Group
Appendix 3: Transferable skills

The need for transferable skills

In recent years, higher education institutions and employers have consistently flagged the need for students to develop a range of transferable skills to enable them to respond with confidence to the demands of undergraduate study and the world of work.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) defines skills, or competencies, as 'the bundle of knowledge, attributes and capacities that can be learned and that enable individuals to successfully and consistently perform an activity or task and can be built upon and extended through learning.'[1]

To support the design of our qualifications, the Pearson Research Team selected and evaluated seven global 21st-century skills frameworks. Following on from this process, we identified the National Research Council’s (NRC) framework[2] as the most evidence-based and robust skills framework, and have used this as a basis for our adapted skills framework.

The framework includes cognitive, intrapersonal skills and interpersonal skills.

The skills have been interpreted for this specification to ensure they are appropriate for the subject. All of the skills listed are evident or accessible in the teaching, learning and/or assessment of the qualification. Some skills are directly assessed. Pearson materials will support you in identifying these skills and developing these skills in students.

The table overleaf sets out the framework and gives an indication of the skills that can be found in History and indicates the interpretation of the skill in this area. A full subject interpretation of each skill, with mapping to show opportunities for students’ development is provided on the subject pages of our website: qualifications.pearson.com

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### Cognitive skills

| Cognitive processes and strategies: | • Critical thinking  
• Problem solving  
• Analysis  
• Reasoning  
• Interpretation  
• Decision making  
• Adaptive learning  
• Executive function |
| Creativity: | • Creativity  
• Innovation |

### Intellectual openness:

| Work ethic/conscientiousness: | • Initiative  
• Self-direction  
• Responsibility  
• Perseverance  
• Productivity  
• Self-regulation (metacognition, forethought, reflection)  
• Ethics  
• Integrity |
| Positive core self-evaluation: | • Self-monitoring/self-evaluation/self-reinforcement |

### Intrapersonal skills

| Teamwork and collaboration: | • Communication  
• Collaboration  
• Teamwork  
• Cooperation  
• Interpersonal skills |
| Leadership: | • Leadership  
• Responsibility  
• Assertive communication  
• Self-presentation |

### Problem solving for History

Selecting and deploying relevant material in order to construct a response to a historical problem or issue posed as a matter for judgement

### Initiative for History

Showing a willingness to undertake self-motivated lines of enquiry and go beyond the given parameters

### Communication for History

Using written responses to literary texts to communicate to the intended audience a point of view or line of argument
# Appendix 4: Glossary

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<td>Assessment Objectives</td>
<td>The requirements that students need to meet to succeed in the qualification. Each assessment objective has a unique focus which is then targeted in examinations or coursework. Assessment Objectives may be assessed individually or in combination.</td>
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<tr>
<td>External assessment</td>
<td>An examination that is held at the same time and place in a global region.</td>
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<td>JCQ</td>
<td>Joint Council for Qualifications. This is a group of UK exam boards who develop policy related to the administration of examinations.</td>
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<td>Linear</td>
<td>Qualifications that are linear have all assessments at the end of a course of study. It is not possible to take one assessment earlier in the course of study.</td>
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<td>Modular</td>
<td>Qualifications that are modular contain units of assessment. These units can be taken during the course of study. The final qualification grade is worked out from the combined unit results.</td>
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<td>Raw marks</td>
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