

## Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 International GCSE (9-1) in History (4HI1) May/June 2021 assessment arrangements

Ofqual announced on 3 August 2020 changes to the 2021 May/June examination series for UK Qualifications. The changes are an interim measure to address any impact COVID-19 has had/will have on students taking their examination in 2021.

Although the changes announced do not have an impact on this qualification, we have decided to make the changes listed below to ensure that the International Qualification remain comparable to their UK counterparts. The information below details what changes have been made to our specification for students taking their final examinations in May/June 2021.

The changes outlined in this document are correct as of 4/09/2020.

### Summary of the [current assessment](#)/content arrangements

Paper	Assessment Contribution
<p>Paper 1: Depth Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Externally assessed</li> <li>Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes</li> <li>Availability: June</li> <li>60 Marks</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment overview</b></p> <p>Students are assessed through an examination based on their selected <b>depth studies</b>.</p> <p>Students answer <b>two</b> questions, one on each of the depth studies they have studied.</p>	50%
<p>Paper 2 – Investigation &amp; Breadth Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Externally assessed</li> <li>Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes</li> <li>Availability: June</li> <li>60 Marks</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment overview</b></p> <p>Students are assessed through an examination based on their <b>historical investigation</b> and <b>breadth study in change</b>.</p> <p>Students answer <b>two</b> questions, <b>one</b> question on their historical investigation and <b>one</b> question on their breadth study in change</p>	50%

## Summary of the May/June 2021 assessment/content arrangements

For May/June 2021 examination series only, students will study and be assessed on 3 topics instead of 4 as follows:

**Option A** - Choose **two topics in Paper 1** as usual and in **Paper 2 choose one topic in Section A**.

**Option B** - Choose **one topic in Paper 1** and in **Paper 2 choose two topics (one from Section A and one from Section B)** as usual.

**Section A: Historical Investigation, in Paper 2, is compulsory in both options.**

**Teachers can therefore choose to drop EITHER one Paper 1 depth study OR the Paper 2 study in breadth.**

### Changes to the specification (Issue 2) [Current specification](#)

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Pages 7-8 Paper overview	<p><b>Paper 1 Depth Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are assessed through an examination based on their selected depth studies.</li> <li>Students answer <b>two</b> questions, one on each of the depth studies they have studied.</li> <li>There are 60 marks available in total</li> <li>The assessment duration is 1 hour 30 minutes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paper 1 Depth Studies</b></p> <p><b>Paper 1A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are assessed through an examination based on their selected depth studies.</li> <li>Students answer <b>two</b> questions, one on each of the depth studies they have studied</li> <li>There are 60 marks available in total</li> <li>The assessment duration is 1 hour 30 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper 1B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are assessed through an examination based on their selected depth studies.</li> <li>Students answer <b>one</b> question on the depth studies they have studied</li> <li>There are 30 marks available in total</li> <li>The assessment duration is 45 minutes</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Paper 2 Investigation &amp; Breadth Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are assessed through an examination based on their historical investigation and breadth study in change.</li> <li>Students answer <b>two</b> questions, <b>one question on their historical investigation and one question on their breadth study in change.</b></li> <li>There are 60 marks available in total.</li> <li>The assessment duration is 1 hour 30 minutes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paper 2 Investigation &amp; Breadth Studies</b></p> <p><b>Paper 2A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are assessed through an examination based on their historical investigation.</li> <li>Students answer <b>one</b> question on their historical investigation.</li> <li>There are 30 marks available in total</li> <li>The assessment duration is 45 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper 2B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are assessed through an examination based on their historical investigation and breadth study in change.</li> <li>Students answer <b>two</b> questions, one question on their historical investigation and one question on their breadth study in change.</li> <li>There are 60 marks available in total.</li> <li>The assessment duration is 1 hour 30 minutes.</li> </ul>
Page 10 Paper 1: Depth Studies	<p>Students must study at least <b>two</b> depth studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The French Revolution, c1780–99</li> <li>Development of a nation: unification of Italy, 1848–70</li> <li>Germany: development of dictatorship, 1918–45</li> <li>Colonial rule and the nationalist challenge in India, 1919–47</li> <li>Dictatorship and conflict in the USSR, 1924–53</li> <li>A world divided: superpower relations, 1943–72</li> <li>A divided union: civil rights in the USA, 1945–74</li> <li>South Africa: from union to the end of apartheid, 1948–94</li> </ol>	<p><b>Paper 1A</b> – Students must study at least <b>two</b> depth studies</p> <p><b>Paper 1B</b> – Students must study at least <b>one</b> depth study</p>
Page 19 Paper 2: Investigation	<p>Content summary</p> <p><b>Students must study one historical investigation:</b></p> <p>A1 The origins and course of the First World War, 1905–18</p>	<p><b>Paper 2A</b> – Students must study <b>one historical investigation</b></p>

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& Breadth Studies	<p>A2 Russia and the Soviet Union, 1905–24  A3 The USA, 1918–41  A4 The Vietnam Conflict, 1945–75  A5 East Germany, 1958–90</p> <p><b>Students must study one breadth study in change:</b>  B1 America: from new nation to divided union, 1783–1877  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</p>	<p><b>Paper 2B</b> – Students must study <b>one</b> historical investigation <b>and one</b> breadth study in change</p>
Page 39 Assessment information	<p><b>Paper 1</b>  1 hour and 30-minute examination comprising a mixture of extended writing and essay-based questions, based on two selected depth studies.</p> <p><b>Paper 2</b>  1 hour and 30-minute examination comprised of two sections, with a mixture of extended writing and essay-based questions. Section A is based on a selected historical investigation and Section B on a breadth study in change</p>	<p><b>Paper 1A</b>  1 hour and 30-minute examination comprising a mixture of extended writing and essay-based questions, based on two selected depth studies.</p> <p><b>Paper 1B</b>  45-minute examination comprising a mixture of extended writing and essay-based questions, based on one selected depth study.</p> <p><b>Paper 2A</b>  45-minute examination comprised of one section, with a mixture of extended writing and essay-based questions. Section A is based on a selected historical investigation.</p> <p><b>Paper 2B</b>  1 hour and 30-minute examination comprised of two sections, with a mixture of extended writing and essay-based questions. Section A is based on a selected</p>

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		historical investigation and Section B on a breadth study in change.