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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

How to award marks when level descriptions are used

1. Finding the right level

The first stage is to decide which level the answer should be placed in. To do this, use a 'best-fit' approach, deciding which level most closely describes the quality of the answer. Answers can display characteristics from more than one level, and where this happens markers must use the guidance below and their professional judgement to decide which level is most appropriate.

For example, one stronger passage at L4 would not by itself merit a L4 mark, but it might be evidence to support a high L3 mark, unless there are substantial weaknesses in other areas. Similarly, an answer that fits best in L3 but which has some characteristics of L2 might be placed at the bottom of L3. An answer displaying some characteristics of L3 and some of L1 might be placed in L2.

2. Finding a mark within a level

After a level has been decided on, the next stage is to decide on the mark within the level. The instructions below tell you how to reward responses within a level. However, where a level has specific guidance about how to place an answer within a level, always follow that guidance.

Levels containing two marks only

Start with the presumption that the work will be at the top of the level. Move down to the lower mark if the work only just meets the requirements of the level.

Levels containing three or more marks

Markers should be prepared to use the full range of marks available in a level and not restrict marks to the middle. Markers should start at the middle of the level (or the upper-middle mark if there is an even number of marks) and then move the mark up or down to find the best mark. To do this, they should take into account how far the answer meets the requirements of the level:

- If it meets the requirements *fully*, markers should be prepared to award full marks within the level. The top mark in the level is used for answers that are as good as can realistically be expected within that level
- If it only *barely* meets the requirements of the level, markers should consider awarding marks at the bottom of the level. The bottom mark in the level is used for answers that are the weakest that can be expected within that level
- The middle marks of the level are used for answers that have a *reasonable* match to the descriptor. This might represent a balance between some characteristics of the level that are fully met and others that are only barely met.

Indicative content

Examiners are reminded that indicative content is provided as an illustration to markers of some of the material that may be offered by students. It does not show required content and alternatives should be credited where valid.

Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88

Question	
1 (a)	Describe two features of government in Early Elizabethan England. Target: Knowledge of key features and characteristics of the period. AO1: 4 marks.

Marking instructions

Award one mark for each valid feature identified up to a maximum of two features. The second mark should be awarded for supporting information.

e.g.

- *Elizabeth I was Queen of England (1) and people believed she had the Divine Right to rule (1).*
- *Elizabeth appointed ministers who had political experience, (1), such as William Cecil (1).*
- *Elizabeth appointed Justices of the Peace (1), to manage law and order in their local areas (1).*

Accept other appropriate features and supporting information.

Question		
1 (b)		Explain why Mary, Queen of Scots, was executed in 1587. You may use the following in your answer: • the Privy Council • Mary's claim to the English throne You must also use information of your own. Target: Analysis of second order concepts: causation [AO2]; Knowledge and understanding of features and characteristics [AO1]. AO2: 6 marks. AO1: 6 marks.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–3	• A simple or generalised answer is given, lacking development and organisation. [AO2] • Limited knowledge and understanding of the topic is shown. [AO1]
2	4–6	• An explanation is given showing limited analysis and with implicit or unsustained links to the conceptual focus of the question. It shows some development and organisation of material, but a line of reasoning is not sustained. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is included, showing some knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1] *Maximum 5 marks for Level 2 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*
3	7–9	• An explanation is given, showing some analysis, which is mainly directed at the conceptual focus of the question. It shows a line of reasoning that is generally sustained, although some passages may lack coherence and organisation. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is included, showing good knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] *Maximum 8 marks for Level 3 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*
4	10–12	• An analytical explanation is given which is directed consistently at the conceptual focus of the question, showing a line of reasoning that is coherent, sustained and logically structured. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is precisely selected to address the question directly, showing wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] *No access to Level 4 for answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*

Marking instructions

Markers must apply the descriptors above in line with the general marking guidance (page 3).

Performance in AO1 and AO2 is interdependent. An answer displaying no qualities of AO2 cannot be awarded more than the top of Level 1, no matter how strong performance is in AO1; markers should note that the expectation for AO1 is that candidates demonstrate both knowledge *and* understanding.

The middle mark in each level may be achieved by stronger performance in either AO1 or AO2.

Indicative content guidance

Answers must be credited according to candidates' deployment of material in relation to the qualities outlined in the mark scheme. While specific references are made in the indicative content below, this does not imply that these must be included; other relevant material must also be credited.

Relevant points may include:

- Elizabeth's Privy Council had been lobbying Elizabeth for Mary's execution from the time of Mary's arrival in England and subsequent imprisonment.
- In the absence of a nominated successor, Mary stood to inherit the throne from Elizabeth upon Elizabeth's death and Mary's Catholic faith made this an undesirable outcome for Elizabeth.
- Mary had been at the centre of a series of plots during her imprisonment, each of which aimed to put her on the throne, making her an ongoing threat to Elizabeth.
- As part of the Babington Plot in 1586, the plotters intended to assassinate Elizabeth, replacing her with Mary, and this increased the level of threat Mary posed to Elizabeth.
- The alliance between France and Spain increased the threat of foreign invasion in support of Mary.
- Sir Francis Walsingham, Elizabeth's spymaster, had gathered a lot of evidence to show that Mary was a threat to Elizabeth and would continue to be so, were she not executed.

Question		
1 (c) (i)		'Political rivalry with Spain was the main reason for direct English involvement in the Netherlands in the years 1585-88.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer: • the threat of Spanish invasion of England • Protestantism You must also use information of your own. Target: Analysis and evaluation of second order concepts: causation [AO2]; Knowledge and understanding of features and characteristics [AO1]. AO2: 10 marks. AO1: 6 marks.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–4	• A simple or generalised answer is given, lacking development and organisation. [AO2] • Limited knowledge and understanding of the topic is shown. [AO1] • The overall judgement is missing or asserted. [AO2]
2	5–8	• An explanation is given showing limited analysis and with implicit or unsustained links to the conceptual focus of the question. It shows some development and organisation of material, but a line of reasoning is not sustained. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is included, showing some knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1] • The overall judgement is given but its justification is asserted or insecure. [AO2] *Maximum 7 marks for Level 2 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*
3	9–12	• An explanation is given, showing some analysis, which is mainly directed at the conceptual focus of the question. It shows a line of reasoning that is generally sustained, although some passages may lack coherence and organisation. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is included, showing good knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] • The overall judgement is given with some justification, but some criteria selected for the required judgement are left implicit or not validly applied. [AO2] *Maximum 11 marks for Level 3 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*
4	13–16	• An analytical explanation is given which is directed consistently at the conceptual focus of the question, showing a line of reasoning that is coherent, sustained and logically structured. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is precisely selected to address the question directly, showing wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] • Criteria for the required judgement are justified and applied in the process of reaching the overall judgement. [AO2] *No access to Level 4 for answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*

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The first two bullet points *[AO1 and AO2]* account for 3 of the 4 marks in the level and are equally weighted; the third bullet point *[AO2]* accounts for the remaining mark. Once the level has been found, there are two steps to follow to determine the mark within the level:

- Markers should consider bullet points 1 and 2 together. Strong performance (for the level) in both would be awarded all 3 marks, while 2 marks may be achieved by stronger performance in either bullet point; weak performance would be awarded 1 mark.
- The fourth mark in each level is allocated to the bullet point 3 and should be considered independently of the award of the other marks.

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Relevant points which support the statement may include:

- Elizabeth increased English involvement in the Netherlands after Spain signed the Treaty of Joinville with France, which increased the threat of a Spanish invasion of England.
- The English intervened to prevent the Spanish from gaining full control of the Netherlands, which would have provided Spain with ports from which to launch an invasion of England.
- English intervention in the Netherlands increased after the Dutch rebel leader, William of Orange, was assassinated, leaving the rebels leaderless and increasing the likelihood of defeat by Spain.

Relevant points which counter the statement may include:

- England was a Protestant nation and the Dutch rebels appealed to Elizabeth for help because they were also Protestant.
- Spain had attempted to force Catholicism on the Netherlands as part of its rule and England intervened in support of the Protestant cause.
- Elizabeth's Privy Council was very sympathetic to the Protestant cause of the Dutch rebels and put pressure on Elizabeth to intervene on their behalf.
- The Netherlands were an important trading base for England and Elizabeth increased intervention in the Netherlands to prevent the disruption of trade.
- Philip II of Spain threatened English trade in the Netherlands by seizing English ships in Dutch ports in 1585, forcing Elizabeth to act to protect important trading relationships.

Question		
1 (c) (ii)		'New technology was the main reason why exploration by the English increased in the years 1558-88.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer: • navigational instruments • Sir Francis Drake You must also use information of your own. Target: Analysis and evaluation of second order concepts: causation [AO2]; Knowledge and understanding of features and characteristics [AO1]. AO2: 10 marks. AO1: 6 marks.
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3	9–12	• An explanation is given, showing some analysis, which is mainly directed at the conceptual focus of the question. It shows a line of reasoning that is generally sustained, although some passages may lack coherence and organisation. [AO2] • Accurate and relevant information is included, showing good knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1] • The overall judgement is given with some justification, but some criteria selected for the required judgement are left implicit or not validly applied. [AO2] *Maximum 11 marks for Level 3 answers that do not go beyond aspects prompted by the stimulus points.*
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- Navigational instruments such as the astrolabe had been developed, which enabled Elizabethan explorers to accurately identify their location and direction of travel.
- New technology in shipbuilding had allowed galleons to be developed that were larger, making it safer to sail and possible to carry more supplies, enabling longer voyages.
- The increasing availability of printing spread exciting news of successful voyages of exploration, encouraging more people to explore.

Relevant points which counter the statement may include:

- Sir Francis Drake had become extremely wealthy from his exploration and privateering activities and had won the queen's favour. This encouraged other people to explore.
- Sir Francis Drake became the first English person to circumnavigate the globe, inspiring other people to explore and claim land for England.
- Developments in mathematics led to improved sea charts, making it possible for explorers to plan their journeys more carefully.
- Trade with Europe had been disrupted by poor relations with Spain and English merchants began to seek new markets and trading partners.
- Elizabeth's excommunication encouraged English merchants to seek out new trading opportunities in the Atlantic world.

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