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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.

B4: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88

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

- *Boys from wealthy families would be educated at home (1), by private tutors (1).*
- *Grammar schools were available for boys of gentry and yeoman families (1), where they were taught Latin and Greek (1).*
- *Younger children often learned to read and write at local schools (1), known as petty schools or dame schools (1).*

Accept other appropriate features and supporting information.

Question		
1 (b)		Explain why the Spanish Armada was defeated. You may use the following in your answer: • Sir Francis Drake • the use of fire ships 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]
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 answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.*
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 address three or more aspects of content.*

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:

- Prior to the launch of the Armada, Sir Francis Drake had led a successful attack on the Spanish naval base at Cadiz, so that when the Armada was eventually launched, it was lacking in provisions.
- Sir Francis Drake was experienced in using guerrilla tactics at sea and so was able to assist Lord Admiral Howard in planning a successful campaign to attack the Armada at every stage.
- The formation of the Armada broke up because the English sent fire ships into the Spanish fleet while they were at anchor at Gravelines. This destroyed one of the Armada's strengths.
- The English navy used its long-range artillery and more manoeuvrable ships to lead successful attacks on the Spanish ships as they sailed up the English Channel.
- The Spanish had failed to capture any deep-water ports prior to launching the Armada. This meant that, when they arrived to collect the Spanish soldiers, they were unable to dock close enough.
- Bad weather and strong winds disrupted the Armada's formation and prevented it from regrouping. This meant that the Armada had to sail north around Scotland, leading to its almost total destruction.

Question		
1 (c) (i)		'The most significant challenge to Elizabeth I's religious settlement, in the years 1558–68, came from English Catholics.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer: • recusancy fines for not attending church • the Puritan campaign against crucifixes You must also use information of your own. Target: Analysis and evaluation of second order concepts: significance [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]
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 answers that do not address three or more aspects of content.*
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 address three or more aspects of content.*

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- 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:

- A large number of Catholic nobles and gentry accepted recusancy fines rather than attend the new church services, which made it difficult to enforce the settlement.
- Due to concerns about a Catholic uprising, Elizabeth had to make concessions to English Catholics, for example, by not strictly enforcing fines for recusancy.
- Devotion to the Catholic faith remained particularly strong in the north of England and many continued to hear the Latin mass in private, threatening Elizabeth's supremacy in the region.
- A number of Catholic bishops and priests resigned rather than swear the Oath of Supremacy, which undermined Elizabeth's religious settlement.

Relevant points which counter the statement may include:

- English Puritans challenged Elizabeth's religious settlement by campaigning against crucifixes being displayed in churches and Elizabeth was forced to remove this stipulation.
- English Puritans were unhappy about the vestments enforced for Church of England priests, which led to 37 priests being removed from the Church of England.
- Puritans in Elizabeth's Parliament and among her advisers continued to agitate for changes to the settlement, threatening to destabilise her government.
- Foreign opposition to Elizabeth's religious settlement, for example from Spain and the Papacy, led to the continual threat of invasion.

Question		
1 (c) (ii)		'Poor planning was the main reason why the first colony in Virginia failed.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. You may use the following in your answer: • Sir Walter Raleigh • the lack of food supplies 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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Relevant points which support the statement may include:

- Poor planning meant that Raleigh did not recruit the right balance of people to establish a successful colony, e.g. he sent more soldiers and artisans than farmers and farm labourers.
- Raleigh did not recruit a full complement of colonists to make the journey and ultimately sent c100 men instead of the 300 he had hoped for, making it harder to establish a colony.
- The colonists left England too late in the year to be able to plant crops in Virginia and replenish their supplies.
- The colonists had no experience in building a settlement from scratch and were unwilling to put in the hard work necessary.

Relevant points which counter the statement may include:

- The native population stopped supplying the colonists with food and there was fighting between the two groups, making it very difficult to build the colony into a success.
- The colonists had bad luck. For example, during the journey, the colonists lost a lot of seeds for planting, and some of their food supplies, when one of their ships ran aground.
- The indigenous Algonquian population were affected by diseases brought over by the colonists and became very suspicious of them, causing a breakdown in relations.
- Morale among the colonists was low due to lack of food and their failure to find gold. This meant that when Drake arrived with fresh supplies, the colonists returned to England with him rather than maintaining the settlement.

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