

History GCSE- Exam Board: AQA

Exam Overview:

- **Paper 1 – 2 hours – 50% of GCSE**
- Period Study - America 1920-1973: Opportunity and Inequality (six questions)
- Wider world depth study - Conflict and tension in Asia: 1950-75 (four questions)
- **Paper 2 – 2 hours – 50% of GCSE**
- Thematic study - Britain: Health and the people, c1000 to present day (four questions)
- British depth study - Elizabethan England, c1568–1603 (four questions)

Guide to Exam Papers:

Paper 1

America 1920-73: Opportunity and Inequality

1. **HOW DO INTERPRETATIONS A AND B DIFFER ABOUT...**? (4 marks):
2. **WHY DO THE AUTHORS OF INTERPRETATIONS A AND B HAVE A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION ABOUT...** ? (4 marks):
3. **WHICH INTERPRETATION DO YOU FIND MORE CONVINCING ABOUT...** ?(8 marks):
4. **DESCRIBE TWO ...** (4 marks):
5. **IN WHAT WAYS WERE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AFFECTED/CHANGED BY...** ? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER (8 marks):
6. **WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WAS THE MORE IMPORTANT REASON FOR...**? (12 mark):

Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-75

1. **SOURCE A OPPOSES/SUPPORTS ... HOW DO YOU KNOW?** (4 marks):
2. **HOW USEFUL ARE SOURCES E and F TO A HISTORIAN STUDYING...**? (12 marks):
3. **WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF HOW...BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS/CAUSED PROBLEMS** (8 marks):
4. **"INTERPRETATION". HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?** (16 marks)

Paper 2

Britain: Health and the people c1000 to the present day

1. **HOW USEFUL IS SOURCE A TO A HISTORIAN STUDYING...**? (8 marks)
2. **EXPLAIN the SIGNIFICANCE of...** (8 marks):
3. **EXPLAIN TWO SIMILARITIES OF ...** (8 marks):
4. **HAS ... BEEN THE MAIN FACTOR IN ... IN BRITAIN?** (16 marks +4 SPaG)

Elizabethan England 1568-1603

1. **HOW CONVINCING IS INTERPRETATION C ABOUT...**? (8 marks):
2. **EXPLAIN WHAT WAS IMPORTANT ABOUT...** (8 marks)
3. **WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF THE WAYS** (in which Queen Elizabeth) dealt with the challenge of ... (8 marks):
4. **This question will DEFINITELY be on Sheffield Manor Lodge.** It is asking you to use Sheffield Manor Lodge as a case study, and apply this to what you have learnt about Elizabethan society. You will get a statement, which you will be asked to test using **Sheffield Manor Lodge** (16 marks)

Useful Websites:

- BBC Bitesize : <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6>
- <http://www.johndclare.net/>
- <https://spartacus-educational.com/>
- <https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/history/>

Useful resources:

- **Google Classroom** – All resources, revision guides and sample papers have been placed on Google Classroom for you to use.
- Departmental revision booklets
- Departmental example exam questions
- Oxford AQA GCSE History: Britain: Health and the People c1000-Present Day Revision Guide (9-1), Aaron Wilkes
- Oxford AQA GCSE History (9-1): America 1920-1973: Opportunity and Inequality Revision Guide, Aaron Wilkes
- Oxford AQA GCSE History: Elizabethan England c1568-1603 Revision Guide (9-1), Aaron Wilkes
- Oxford AQA GCSE History (9-1): Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950-1975 Revision Guide, Lindsay Bruce and Aaron Wilkes

Areas of revision:

1. America 1920-73
2. Conflict in Asia 1950-75
3. Health and the People c. 1000-present
4. Elizabethan England 1568-1603

Useful revision tips and specific revision and preparation guidance:

- **Google Classroom** – All resources, revision guides and revision grids have been placed on Google Classroom for you to use
- Create '**Flash cards**' focusing on the subject knowledge of your topic to ensure you can answer all exam question.
- Complete as many past paper exam questions as possible focusing on planning, rather than answering to break them down more clearly
- Spend time analysing mark schemes and get familiar with exam technique
- Use of quick quizzes to help to recall key points of information
- Timelines and mind maps are very helpful for recalling large time periods