

GCSE History

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment

- **Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes**
- **30%* of the qualification**
- **52 marks** (16 for the historic environment, 36 for the thematic study)

Content overview:

- Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present
- *and* Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city.

Assessment overview:

Section A: historic environment

- Students answer a question that assesses knowledge plus a two-part question based on two provided sources.

Section B: thematic study

- Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first
- two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students answer one from a choice of

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study

- **Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes**
- **40%* of the qualification**
- **64 marks** (32 for the period study and 32 for the British depth study)

Content overview:

- British depth study option - Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88.
- Period study option - Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

Assessment overview:

- **Period study** - Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students select two out of three parts.
- **British depth study** - Students answer a single three-part question that assesses their knowledge and understanding. The first two parts are compulsory. For the third part, students select one from a choice of two.

Paper 3: Modern depth study

- **Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes**
- **30%* of the qualification**
- **52 marks**

Content overview

- Modern depth study - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

Assessment overview

- **Section A** - Students answer a question based on a provided source and a question that assesses their knowledge and understanding.
- **Section B** - Students answer a single four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations.