

History and Politics Department: Revision Advice

Subject	History
Exam Board	OCR
Unit	Modern World B
Unit Code	1937
Format of Exam	Paper 1: 2 hours. Core Content/Germany Paper 2: 1 hour 30 minutes. British Depth Study
Link to Specification	http://www.ocr.org.uk/download/kd/ocr_10143_kd_l_gcse_spec.pdf

Key Issues for Revision

Paper 1

Core Content:

Were the Peace Treaties of 1919-23 Fair?
To what extent was the League of Nations a success?
Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?

Germany:

Was the Weimar Republic doomed from the start?
Why was Hitler able to dominate Germany by 1934?
The Nazi Regime: how effectively did the Nazis control Germany, 1933-45?
The Nazi Regime: what was it like to live in Nazi Germany?

Paper 2

British Depth Study:

The Reforms of the Liberal Government
Votes for Women
Britain during the War

Revision Materials

Please make full use of the 'Revision Guide' (on the website) and 'Learning From The Mock'

Suggested Revision Activities

- Produce essay plans in response to past/possible questions.
- Practise responding to past/possible questions in timed conditions.
- Make detailed revision notes on the key issues and content.
- Revision must involve an activity - simply reading through notes/text-books is not enough.

Specific Paper Advice

Paper 1:

- Manage your time: Section A -15 mins. Section B - 35 mins. Section C - 70 mins.
- Don't spend too long on 4 mark questions - Provide 4 pieces of information then move on.
- For 6/9 mark questions provide 3 EXPLANATIONS. Be direct and succinct but ensure your explanations are full.
- For the 10 marker:

If it is a causation question (The most important reason for ..) ensure you deal with a range of factors, and explain how they combined to cause the event. Try to consider relative importance and advance a couple of counter-factual arguments. (eg If the USA had been a member of the League it may well have succeeded or Without the depression Hitler may well have never come to power)

To what extent/How far questions require balance and a final judgement.

When you make a point ensure you support it with an example - this is a weakness for some of you.

- For the source questions on Germany try to show off what you know, but focus tightly on the question.
- Ensure you devote plenty of time to revising Germany - worth 40/75 marks.

Paper 2:

- Read all the sources before you answer any of the questions
- Remember the technique for answering source-evaluation questions:
 - a) **Message** - Message, detail from the source, CK
 - b) **Purpose** - Purpose, detail from the source (i.e. How is it trying to fulfil the purpose), CK

- c) **Extent of agreement/disagreement** - agreement/disagreement + judgement (NB Direct references to source needed)
- d) **Reason for disagreement** - Usually perspective/timing (direct references to the sources needed)
- e) **Utility** - YES: information, particular insight, typicality, general comments on type of source, supports what you know to be true. NO: misleading information, does not reflect views of majority, utility compromised by unreliability, at odds with what you know to be true. (NB Direct references to source needed)
- f) **Reliability** - YES: author has no motive to mislead, balanced, gives a full picture, dispassionate in tone, information is confirmed by other source(s) on the paper and what you know to be true. NO: author has possible motive to mislead, unbalanced, information deliberately excluded, emotive tone suggests unreliability, information is contrary to other source(s) on the paper and what you know to be true. (NB Direct references to source needed)
- g) **To what extent does one source confirm another?** - Apply the YES/HOWEVER approach. Yes, it does appear to confirm ... But in some respects it does not and/or is unreliable. (CK and direct references to the sources needed)
- h) **Would x have been pleased with ...?** - A balanced response. YES/NO (CK and direct references to the sources needed. The position of x is usually of importance.)
- i) **Do the sources in this paper support the view that ..**
Three paragraph response:
 1. Yes, some sources support the statement. (Explain how)
 2. However, some sources reject the statement or offer other explanations (Explain how)
 3. Offer a conclusion - based on your own knowledge

NB Specifics references to sources needed + evaluation (e.g. Source A supports the statement in the following ways .., however is unreliable because .. OR Source A provides a particularly insightful/balanced/accurate assessment of. ..) required. CK can be deployed throughout.