

UAH GCSE History Curriculum

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment Crime and Punishment c1000-present

Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes

30%* of the qualification

52 marks (16 for the historic environment, 36 for the thematic study)

Historic environment sites nested within thematic studies – the focus on policing in Whitechapel c1888, for the source enquiry allows the students to see crime and punishment in action.

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 two.

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study Section A: Superpower relations and the cold war 1941-1991 Section B: Anglo-Saxon and Norman England

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)

Period studies that provide an unfolding narrative – in the Cold War unit the students need to have a overarching understanding of the development of superpower relations and key events to answer questions that focus on cause and consequence to show their understanding of narrative.

Medieval and early modern British depth studies – the medieval depth study of the Anglo-Saxons and Norman England provides a foundation for the students in the establishment of government in England. It complements the Crime and Punishment unit as it is taught first.

Assessment overview

Section A: 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.

Section B: 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 Weimar and Nazi Germany 1919-1939

Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes

30%* of the qualification

52 marks (

Modern non-British depth studies – There is a focus on interpretations of history in the Weimar and Nazi Germany unit to begin building A Level skills.

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.