

Sample assessment materials for first teaching September 2016

Paper 2: **Period study** and British depth study (1HI0/20 and 21)

Part A: Period study options

Options 20/21: Spain and the 'New World', c1490-c1555

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Question		
1		Explain two consequences of the New Laws (1542).
		Target: Analysis of second order concepts: consequence [AO2]; Knowledge and understanding of features and characteristics [AO1]. AO2: 4 marks. AO1: 4 marks. NB mark each consequence separately (2 x 4 marks).
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1-2	Simple or generalised comment is offered about a consequence. [AO2]
		Generalised information about the topic is included, showing limited knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]
2	3-4	Features of the period are analysed to explain a consequence. [AO2]
		Specific information about the topic is added to support the explanation, showing good knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]

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.

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:

- The New Laws strengthened royal control over the area by regulating the number of Indians who could be forced into work by officials and landholders.
- The intention of the New Laws to abolish enslavement and end the encomienda system led to a revolt led by Gonzalo Pizarro.
- The Viceroy of New Spain did not implement them and therefore sent a party to Spain to argue against them.
- The opposition to the New Laws alarmed King Charles I and in 1545 he revoked the rule that the encomienda system would not be hereditary.

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The middle mark in Levels 2 and 3 may be achieved by stronger performance in either AO1 or AO2.

Indicative content guidance

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Relevant points may include:

- When Cortes met Montezuma in 1519, the Aztecs thought he was associated with their gods and treated the Spanish well, allowing them to influence Aztec affairs.
- Cortes held Montezuma as prisoner and acted against the Aztec nobles and religion, which angered the Aztecs and undermined the power of Montezuma. In 1520, the Spanish massacred many Aztecs, stimulating a revolt against the Spanish.
- When Cortes returned, the Spanish situation was desperate but they managed to retreat and Cortes
 persuaded his Tlaxcalan allies to stay with him; they formed an important element in the next stage
 of his war against the Aztecs.

- The Aztec capital, Tenochtitlan, was on a lake so Cortes built a fleet of boats with the Tlaxcalans' help and had a canal dug to enable his ships to reach the lake. The towns around the lake all surrendered, leaving Tenochtitlan isolated.
- The Aztecs were besieged and cut off from supplies and could not fight effectively against Cortes' force of about 250,000, equipped with cannon, guns and crossbows.
- The Spanish landed on the south island. They captured Tenochtitlan by fighting their way through the city over several days, forcing the starving Aztecs to surrender.

Questio	n	
3		 Explain two of the following: The importance of the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) for Spanish exploration. The importance of Balboa's claim of authority over the Pacific (1513) for the expansion of the Spanish empire. The importance of the capture of Atahuallpa (1533) for the Spanish defeat of the Incas. Target: Analysis of second order concepts: consequence/significance [AO2]; Knowledge and understanding of features and characteristics [AO1]. AO2: 8 marks. AO1: 8 marks. NB mark each part of the answer separately (2 x 8 marks).
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1-2	 A simple or generalised answer is given, showing limited development and organisation of material. [AO2] Limited knowledge and understanding of the topic is shown. [AO1]
2	3-5	 An explanation is given, showing an attempt to analyse importance. It shows some reasoning, but some passages may lack coherence and organisation. [AO2] Accurate and relevant information is added, showing some knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]
3	6-8	 An explanation is given, showing analysis of importance. It shows a line of reasoning that is coherent and logically structured. [AO2] Accurate and relevant information is included, showing good knowledge and understanding of the required features or characteristics of the period studied. [AO1]

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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 AO1a; markers should note that the expectation for AO1 is that candidates demonstrate both knowledge *and* understanding.

The middle mark in Levels 2 and 3 may be achieved by stronger performance in either AO1 or AO2.

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The importance of the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) for Spanish exploration

Relevant points may include:

- The treaty was after Columbus's first voyage and effectively recognised Spanish control over the Caribbean.
- The treaty was intended to allow Spain and Portugal each to have a monopoly of exploration in different areas and therefore prevent conflict between them.
- The treaty was important as it showed that Spain had ambitions to rival Portugal and gain new lands for trade and colonisation.
- The treaty shifted the division agreed in 1493 to one which benefited Portugal, allowing Portuguese ships sailing around Africa to avoid unfavourable winds and tides but left the route westwards to America under Spanish control.

The importance of Balboa's claim of authority over the Pacific (1513) for the expansion of the Spanish empire

Relevant points may include:

 The Spanish had already claimed much land in the area, so this was an important way of safeguarding and increasing control.

- This was important because it challenged Portuguese claims to establish an empire in the New World.
- The discovery and claim of authority over the Pacific was important because it was believed that lands in this area were even richer in gold than those already known and pearls were abundant in some areas.
- While exploring the area, Balboa accumulated a great treasure and sent one-fifth to Spain, which encouraged further exploration and conquest.

The importance of the capture of Atahuallpa (1533) for the Spanish defeat of the Incas Relevant points may include:

- When Atahuallpa was taken prisoner, many of the Incas fled, which left the Spanish in control of the area.
- Atahuallpa offered to ransom himself with gold, which was an important stage in halting the fighting the collection of his ransom was important because it demonstrated the wealth available.
- Atahuallpa cooperated with the Spanish to eliminate his family which removed any rivals for the throne and helped the Spanish to keep control.
- Atahuallpa's death was important because it enabled the Spanish to replace him with Manco, who was a puppet king and unable to organise resistance.