

Paper 1 Overview

- Paper 1 is worth 20% (HL) or 30% (SL). Because you know the structure and type of questions you will be asked it is a great paper for you to score valuable marks on!
- You will have 60 minutes to complete 5 questions
- Paper 1 consists of 4 sources - 1 pictorial and 3 written.
- Paper 1 questions are very prescribed - there is a formula for success
- Paper 1 is more of a time management exam than a content exam

Question 1a

- Question 1 is a **reading comprehension** question.
- The question will ask you a simple question along the lines of what the source is telling you about a topic.
- Question 1a is a **3 mark** question
- Question 1a will always be about a written source
- The time allocation for 1a is about **5 minutes**
- In order to answer the question and earn full marks you need to make **3 points of reference**
- You can complete this task by using exact **quotes** as well as **paraphrased** sections from the text
 - Chose wisely - don't spend too much time writing long quotes
- Separate your points by using the words **Firstly, Secondly, and Lastly** or **Thirdly**

Question 1b

- Question 1b is asking you to analyze a **pictorial source**.
 - This can be a political cartoon or a graph
- This is a **2 Mark** question
- To earn full marks you must make **2 separate points** about the picture.
- The time allotted for question 1b is about 5 minutes
- Make sure you use **evidence** from the source to support your analysis.
- Separate your thinking with **2 “paragraphs”** or the words **firstly** and **secondly**
- Show supporting evidence by using phrases like **“the source shows”** and **“evidence of”** and **“supports”**

Question 2

- Question 2 is the infamous **OPCVL** question which asks you to **evaluate** the source
- **O** = Origin - Who, When, Where
- **P** = Purpose - Why
- **C** = Content - What
- **V** = Values
- **L** = Limitations
- Question 2 is a **4 mark** question
- The time allocation for question 2 is between about **10 minutes**
- Question 2 is going to ask you to **assess** the **values** and **limitations** of the source based on its Origin, Purpose and Content.
- This should be a **2 paragraph answer** - one paragraph for values and one for limitations.
- You must refer to Origin, Purpose and Content at least **ONE** time each throughout the answer.
- Use phrases like **“the value of the origin”** and **“the limitations of the content”**

Question 3

- Question 3 is a **Compare and Contrast** question
- Question 3 is a **6 mark** question
- The time allocation for paper 3 is about **15 minutes**
- Question 3 is a **2 paragraph** response - one comparison paragraph and one contradiction paragraph
- You are only comparing and contrasting the **Content** - do not address the origin of the sources (ex one if a primary source and the other is a secondary source)
- Use **quotations** or **paraphrased** excerpts from each source to **support** your statements
- Make sure this is a **running commentary** of both sources simultaneously - do not focus on one source and then the other.
- Use phrases like **“both sources are similar in that they both state.... For example source 1 states “...” and similarly source 2 refers to ...”**

Question 4

- Question 4 is a **mini essay**
- Question 4 is a **9 mark** question
- The time allocation for question 4 is between **20 and 25 minutes**.

- You are expected to use **information from the sources** as well as **your own knowledge** to answer the question.
- Make sure you **answer the question** presented in your essay - this is not just a random narrative of all the sources.
- You must use **ALL 4 sources** within your response
- You must show **evidence** of having used each source - this means citation ex:
(Source A)
- Make sure to remember to bring in some form of **outside knowledge**
- No matter what - **REACH A CONCLUSION!**