



Subject	History		
Title/Topic	Format	Length	Date
Paper 1 – Germany 1871-1991	Written Exam	2 hours 30 minutes	Tuesday 3 January 9.15am – 11.45am
Paper 2 – English Revolution 1625-1660	Written Exam	2 hours 30 minutes	Thursday 12 January 9.15am – 11.45am

My Advent assessment will test my knowledge on...

Paper one - Germany

The Kaiserreich, 1871–1914

- Political authority: the extent and make-up of the German Empire in 1871; the 1871 constitution; the role of Emperor and Chancellor; political groupings and parties and their ideologies
- Government and opposition: Kaiser Wilhelm I and government under Bismarck; their personalities and policies; the role of the Reichstag; the struggle between autocracy and democracy; the development of parties and political opposition
- Government and opposition: Kaiser Wilhelm II and his chancellors; personalities and policies; the place of the Reichstag; the struggle between autocracy and democracy; the development of parties and political opposition
- Economic developments: industrial expansion; old and new industries; trade and wealth
- Social developments: the class hierarchy; elitism and the culture of militarism; the condition of the working people
- The political, economic and social condition of Germany by 1914

Empire to democracy, 1914–1929

- Political authority: the political impact of the First World War on Germany; political change and breakdown by 1918; the 1918 revolution; the establishment of democratic government in the Weimar constitution
- Government and opposition to 1924: post-war political problems; attempted coups and the opposition of left and right; the occupation of the Ruhr; the working of Weimar government; its strengths and weaknesses
- Government and opposition 1924–1929: the impact of the Ruhr invasion and the leadership of Stresemann; degree of governmental change; degree of opposition
- Economic developments: the impact of war; post-war economic problems and policies; reparations; hyperinflation; Dawes and Young Plans and foreign loans; industrial growth; agriculture
- Social developments: the effect of war on German society; social and cultural changes in Weimar Germany
- The political, economic and social condition of Germany by 1929

The Nazi experiment, 1929–1949

- Political authority 1929–1945: the collapse of Weimar democracy and the establishment of the one-party authoritarian Nazi State; the roles of Hindenburg and Hitler
- Government and opposition to 1945: Nazism as an ideology and in practice; Hitler's style of government; the Terror State; opposition and resistance; key Nazi leaders; the effect of war
- Political authority and government 1945–1949: post-war occupation and division; the issue of Berlin and the blockade; the division of Germany



- Economic developments: the impact of the Depression; recovery and development under Nazis in peace and war; the post-war economy
- Social developments and tensions; Nazi social policies including volksgemeinschaft and the racial state; Nazi culture; postwar German society and the legacy of Nazism
- The political, economic and social condition of Germany by 1949

Paper 2 – English Civil War

The emergence of conflict and the end of consensus, 1625–1629

- The legacy of James I: religious issues and divisions; relations between Crown and Parliament; relations with foreign powers.
- Monarchy and Divine Right: the character and aims of Charles I; the Queen and the court; the King's advisers; ideas of royal authority.
- Challenges to the arbitrary government of Charles I: reactions against financial policies; conflict over Church; reactions against foreign policy and the role of Buckingham
- Parliamentary radicalism; personalities and policies of parliamentary opposition to the King; the Petition of Right; the dissolution of Parliament and the King's commitment to Personal Rule.

An experiment in Absolutism, 1629–1640

- Charles I's Personal Rule: his chief ministers; methods of government; financial policies and the reaction against them
- Religious issues: Laud and Arminianism in England and Scotland; the growth of opposition from Puritans
- Political issues: the role of Wentworth; policies in Ireland and England; the reaction against the Crown; demands for the recall of Parliament
- Radicalism, dissent and the approach of war: the spread of religious radicalism; the Scottish Covenant and the Bishops' War; the Pacification of Berwick; the Second Bishops' War

The crisis of Parliament and the outbreak of the First Civil War, 1640–1642

- The Political Nation 1640: the recall of Parliament; the strengths and weaknesses of Charles I; the strengths and divisions of parliamentary opposition.
- Pym and the development of parliamentary radicalism: Pym's personality and aims; the Grand Remonstrance; the London mob; popular radicalism.
- Conflicts between Crown and Parliament: failure of negotiations between the King and the Long Parliament; the execution of Strafford and its political consequences.
- The slide into war: the impact of events in Ireland; the failed arrest of the Five Members; local grievances; attempts to impose royal authority and the development of a Royalist Party; military preparations for war.

War and radicalism, 1642–1646

- The First Civil War: the strengths and weaknesses of the political and military leadership of the Royalist cause
- The First Civil War: the strengths and weaknesses of the political and military leadership of the Parliamentary forces; emergence of the New Model Army; the Solemn League and Covenant; Self Denying Ordinance
- The intensification of radicalism: popular radicalism in London; religious radicalism in the New Model Army; pamphlets and propaganda
- The end of the First Civil War: divisions amongst the Parliamentary leaders; attempts at settlement; the capture of Charles I



The disintegration of the Political Nation, 1646–1649

- Political and religious radicalism: the politicisation of the New Model Army; Lilburne and the Levellers; Fifth Monarchists; Ranters and other populist groups
- Political and religious divisions: the attitude and actions of Charles I; divisions within the opposition to the King; the failure of attempts to reach a political settlement
- The Second Civil War and the reasons for its outcome
- The problem of Charles I: divisions within the army and Parliament; the trial and execution of the King

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

1. Plan each of the past essay questions creating mind maps.
2. Use the show you know quiz booklets to test yourself on the precise evidence.
3. Re-read the articles in the wider reading booklet on any areas you are finding challenging.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

Wider Reading Booklets
AQA Textbook
BCW Project online
Show you know question Booklet
Past Exam question list.