

Exam Technique Cheat Sheet

Conflict and Upheaval 1337 - 1381

Exam technique is incredibly important. Knowing exactly what is asked of you for **each question** will allow you to **pick up easy marks!**

Question 1: What can be learnt from Sources A and B about.... (4 marks)

- Use 2 points directly from **each** source.
- Make sure you include an overall sentence including an inference of what you can learn about the topics from both sources.

Question 2: To what extent does the source accurately reflect..... (8 marks)

- 1 paragraph on the strengths of the source (what does it include that is accurate- use historical knowledge of what was happening at the time to support this; use the author, audience and purpose of the source as well).
- 1 paragraph on the limitations (something that makes the source not as good) of the source (what knowledge does it not include; are there any limitations due to the author, audience and purpose?)

Question 3: Why was..... significant? (12 marks)

- Aim for 2 – 3 reasons explaining why it was significant.
- Use key words and causal connectives. Link your answer back to the question (use the words of the question, in particular the word significant)
- Explain the long term and short term significance (importance).

Question 4: Explain the connections between TWO of the following.... (10 marks)

- Opening paragraph outlining the connection.
- 1 paragraph on one factor explaining how it connects to the question and the other factor.
- 1 paragraph on the second factor explaining how it connects to the questions and the other factor.
- At the start and end of each paragraph use the phrase 'this links with, or this connects with'.

Question 5: To what extent do you agree with this interpretation? (16 marks + 3 SPAG marks)

- Paragraph 1 – what do you agree with in the interpretation. Include at least 2 quotes from it and at least 2 facts to support it. TOP TIP: If you don't understand all the words used in the interpretation highlight the ones you do know and you should be able to answer from this.
- Paragraph 2 – why does the author have this view? Include the authorship, title etc. State that it should be viewed as part of the wider historical debate and different historians would have different views.
- Paragraph 3 – explain what the other interpretations could be (e.g. what else could be a reason) – make sure you use evidence from your own knowledge to support this.
- Conclusion: To what extent do you agree.

Causal connectives you could use to help your explanations (For questions 3 and 4)

Therefore

Because

This means that

As a result

Consequently

So