

## **Moderation Feedback – Visiting - 2005**

<b><u>Qualification area</u></b>	<b>Social Sciences</b>
<b>Subject(s) and Level(s) included in this report</b>	<b>Politics at HNC/D</b>

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## **General comments on moderation activity**

There has been a consistently good to above average candidate response shown this session.

Candidates performed well at Higher level with a good display of knowledge and understanding evident in their responses.

At HNC responses in Politics A showed consistently well and at HND there were some very good responses in the various units covering the United States.

One feature of Politics is the diversity of responses from different unit descriptors. Few centres are registering responses in the current units. The majority of centres moderated this session were still operating with the original Politics descriptors, with the rest evenly split between the second draft of descriptors and the present descriptors.

As Politics is undergoing a revision, this means that when these units become operational, there will be four different sets of politics units at HNC/D being delivered and assessed in the sector. This makes it more demanding to maintain a national standard.

## **Specific issues identified**

See feedback to centres.

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A moderator must have access to the original scripts produced by the candidate.

In central or postal moderations, if a candidate is required to complete a closed book assessment and has had the assistance of a scribe, this should be highlighted by the centre.

If the centre submits a typed piece of work when all other scripts are handwritten, then they should highlight that the candidate has either had the assistance of a scribe, or has had special exam procedures applied.

The moderator visit report clearly asks if internal verification is effective. Too many centres do not provide evidence of internal moderation, the moderator is expected to take their word that it has taken place. This should be addressed as a matter of some urgency.