

Politics

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Diet 2019

Changes to documents following Diet 2019

Higher Politics specimen question paper 1

We have updated the general marking principles and the marking grids for 12- and 20-mark extended-response questions to provide clarification on the distribution of marks.

We have updated the specimen question paper 1 marking instructions to reflect these changes.

Higher Politics coursework assessment task

We have updated the analysis section of the marking grid to provide clarification on the distribution of marks.

Please ensure candidates use the current, published coursework assessment task and specimen question papers.

Course reports

Please read the annual course report for Politics. We produce these reports following the exam diet and they provide information on how candidates performed in course assessment for National Qualifications.

Course reports include a summary of areas candidates performed well in and areas candidates found demanding. They also contain advice on preparing candidates for future assessment, and statistical data relating to grade boundaries. Course reports are available from the subject pages of our website at www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects.

Coursework

Submitting coursework

Ahead of the uplift of coursework materials, we would like to remind you that some coursework assessment tasks require candidates to submit their resource sheet along with their coursework. A penalty will be applied in the case of non-submission — details can be found in the course specification.

Please ensure all candidate resource sheets are submitted for the 2019–20 session. Further information can be found in our [Coursework for External Assessment](#) document and the subject pages of our website at www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects.

Submission date

The 2019–20 uplift date for the Higher Politics assignment is 23 April 2020.

Please liaise with your SQA co-ordinator to ensure that all materials are prepared in time for uplift.

Information and guidance

Understanding Standards

In October 2019 we held two Understanding Standards events for Higher Politics. These events used candidate evidence from the 2019 diet and gave delegates the opportunity to strengthen their understanding of the standards required for the course assessment components.

The candidate evidence and commentaries from these events will be available in due course on our Understanding Standards website: www.understandingstandards.org.uk.

We will also publish further candidate exemplars and commentaries.

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