



# A Level

## History

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SYLLABUSES  
HISTORY  
ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

**1957**

The syllabuses given in Subject Syllabus H.G.1 (1956) are unchanged for 1957 except as follows:

**HISTORY**

**Scholarship level**

The following paragraph is added to the syllabus:

In the Scholarship paper candidates will be given a wide choice of questions on general historical and cultural topics. The paper is intended to provide candidates with an opportunity of displaying their interests in the broad aspects of History, and credit will be given for evidence of reading and reflection, of powers of judgment and critical appreciation.

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Advanced level**

In and after 1956, candidates will be permitted, if they so wish, to offer Field Work instead of Paper III. Candidates who offer Field Work as well as Paper III will count the higher of the two marks obtained.

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**ADVANCED LEVEL**

Candidates must offer two of (a), (b), (c), (d) as follows: (a) Paper I, II or III, (b) Paper IV or V, (c) Paper VI or VII or VIII, (d) Paper IX.

Candidates are permitted to take three of (a), (b), (c) and (d); they will then be assessed on the best two papers.

Candidates may not offer Paper III or VII or VIII as part of the two subjects, History and Economic and Public Affairs.

Each paper will be of 2½ hours.

**PAPER I. English History, 827–1485** (with optional questions on Roman Britain and the Saxon Occupation).

**PAPER II. English History, 1485–1914** (with optional questions on the period 1914–1939).

**PAPER III. British Economic History from 1815.**

Candidates will be expected to have some understanding of the background of British Economic History before 1815, and to have studied the general historical background of the period after 1815.

**PAPER IV. European History, 800–1494** (with optional questions on the period A.D. 337–800).

**PAPER V. European History, 1494–1914** (with optional questions on the period 1914–1939).

[In Papers I, II, IV and V the choice of questions will be sufficient for candidates to confine their attention to a portion of the prescribed period (e.g. 1485–1714 or 1688–1914 in Paper II, 1494–1715 or 1715–1914 in Paper V), but there will be no formal subdivision of the prescribed periods.]

**PAPER VI. Special subjects.** The prescribed list for 1956 is given on pp. 6–9.

**PAPER VII. World Affairs since 1919.** The syllabus for this paper is given on p. 10.

**PAPER VIII. Structure and Working of British Government.** The syllabus is given on p. 17.

**PAPER IX. Ancient History.** The syllabus is given on p. 13.

**SCHOLARSHIP LEVEL**

Candidates must offer either two or three of (a), (b), (c) and (d), set at advanced level, together with a Scholarship paper of general historical questions. Candidates who offer three advanced level papers may have all three taken into account for scholarship purposes. [See the current Regulations for the General Certificate of Education.]

## Paper VI. Special Subjects, 1956

Candidates are advised to study some at least of the following books in connection with their Special subject. It has not been possible to restrict the lists to books which are known to be available for purchase but it is assumed that some of the books form part of school libraries or will be obtainable for short periods from public libraries or other sources.

Some of the books which are understood to be at present out of print are marked with an asterisk.

**A. The Pax Romana—its growth, character and meaning—to the death of Constantine, A.D. 337.**

A. Alföldi: *The Conversion of Constantine and Pagan Rome* (Oxford).

J. Carcopino: *Daily Life at Rome under the Empire* (Routledge).

M. P. Charlesworth: *The Roman Empire* (H.U.L.).

\*M. P. Charlesworth: *Trade Routes of the Roman Empire* (Cambridge).

C. N. Cochrane: *Christianity and Classical Culture* (pp. 1–212) (Oxford).

R. G. Collingwood: *Roman Britain* (Oxford).

\*H. Mattingly: *The Imperial Civil Service of Rome* (Cambridge).

\*M. Rostovtzeff: *A Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire* (Oxford).

G. H. Stevenson: *Roman Provincial Administration* (Blackwell).

L. Waddy: *Pax Romana and World Peace* (Chapman & Hall).

Pliny: *Letters* Bk. x } In the original or in translation.  
Tacitus: *Agricola* }

**B. The Norman Conquest, 1042–1087.<sup>1</sup>**

F. M. Stenton: *Anglo-Saxon England*, chapters 14 to the end (Oxford).

\**William the Conqueror* (Putnam).

G. O. Sayles: *The Medieval Foundations of England*, chapters 13–17 (Methuen).

\*A. J. Macdonald: *Lanfranc* (Oxford).

\*A. Ballard: *The Domesday Inquest* (Methuen).

*Cambridge Medieval History*, vol. III, chapter 15; vol. V, chapters 15 and 16.

*Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* (Everyman)—relevant portion.

For reference:

Hope Munz: *The Golden Warrior* (Chatto and Windus).

**C. The Friars in the 13th Century.<sup>1</sup>**

*The Little Flowers of St Francis*, the *Life of St Francis*, and *The Mirror of Perfection* (Everyman).

Father Cuthbert: *Life of St Francis of Assisi* (Longmans).

<sup>1</sup> This subject will be set only if special application is made by 1 November in the year preceding the examination; a special fee of £2 per school will be payable.

P. Mandonnet: *St Dominique* (revised edition by M. H. Vicaire, Paris, 1938).

\*R. F. Bennett: *The Early Dominicans* (Cambridge).

D. Knowles: *The Religious Orders in England*, vol. I (Cambridge).

Thomas of Eccleston: *The Coming of the Friars Minor to England*, transl. by E. G. Salter (Dent), or other translations.

\*V. D. Scudder: *The Franciscan Adventure* (Dent).

*Contemporaries of Marco Polo*, ed. by M. Komroff (Cape: Travellers' Library).

**D. The Reign of Queen Elizabeth.**

\*A. F. Pollard: *The Political History of England*, vol. VI, 1547–1603 (Longmans).

or J. B. Black: *The Reign of Elizabeth* (Oxford).

J. E. Neale: *Queen Elizabeth* (Cape).

J. E. Neale: *The Elizabethan House of Commons* (Cape).

Sir John Clapham: *A Concise Economic History of Britain*, relevant parts of Book III (Cambridge).

M. St Clare Byrne: *Elizabethan Life in Town and Country*, 4th edition revised and enlarged, 1946 (Methuen).

J. A. Williamson: *The Age of Drake* (Black).

A. L. Rowse: *The England of Elizabeth* (Macmillan, 1950).

C. Morris: *Political Thought in England, Tyndale to Hooker*, chapters IV–IX incl. (Oxford, 1953).

For reference:

J. R. Tanner: *Tudor Constitutional Documents*, relevant parts (Cambridge).

**E. The Age of Louis XIV.**

Jacques Boulenger: *The XVIIth Century* (National History of France—Heinemann), or *Le Grand Siècle* (Hachette).

D. Ogg: *Louis XIV* (H.U.L.).

Voltaire: *The Age of Louis XIV* (Everyman).

M. Ashley: *Louis XIV and the Greatness of France* (E.U.P.).

A. J. Grant: *The Huguenots*, especially chapter 6 (H.U.L.).

For reference:

*Cambridge Modern History*, vol. V, chapters 1–4, 14.

\*E. Lavisse: *Histoire de France* (Hachette).

D. Ogg: *Europe in the XVIIth Century* (Black).

A. Tilley: *The Decline of the Age of Louis XIV* (Cambridge).

Macaulay: *Essay on the War of the Succession in Spain* (Bell).

\*Saint Simon: *La Cour de Louis XIV* (Selections from the Memoirs) (Nelson).

W. H. Lewis: *The Splendid Century* (Eyre & Spottiswoode).

**F. The Age of Chatham, 1735–1778.**

\*Basil Williams: *The Life of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham*, 2 vols. (Longmans, 1913).

Erich Eyck: *Pitt versus Fox, Father and Son*, chapters 1–15 (Bell, 1950).

Edmund Burke: *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents* (Macmillan).

Lord Macaulay: *Essays on Thackeray's History of the Earl of Chatham and The Earl of Chatham* (Collected Essays, any edition).

*For reference:*

G. M. Trevelyan: *English Social History*, chapters 11–13 (Longmans, 1944).

J. H. Plumb: *England in the Eighteenth Century*, Part II (Penguin Books, 1950).

T. S. Ashton: *The Industrial Revolution* (H.U.L., 1949).

Sir Charles Grant Robertson: *Select Statutes, Cases, and Documents*, pages 299–342 (Methuen, 1904).

Romney Sedgwick: *Letters of George III to Lord Bute, 1756–66*, Introduction only (Macmillan, 1939).

\*J. C. Miller: *The Origins of the American Revolution* (Faber, 1945).

**G. The Career of Napoleon.**

(Candidates will not be examined on military and naval tactics, or on details of strategy.)

J. M. Thompson: *Napoleon* (Blackwell, 1953).

H. Butterfield: *Napoleon* (Duckworth: 'Great Lives').

L. Madelin: *Le Consulat et l'Empire*, 2 volumes (Hachette).

[A translation of Vol. I is published by Heinemann.]

\*A. Lévy: *Napoléon Intime* (Nelson).

\*Lord Rosebery: *Napoleon, The Last Phase* (Cape: and Nelson).

H. A. L. Fisher: *Napoleon* (H.U.L.).

\*H. A. L. Fisher: *Bonapartism* (Oxford).

\**The Cambridge Modern History*, vol. IX (chapters I, V–VII, XI, XIII, XXIV).

**H. Germany, 1815–1849.**

R. Flenley: *Modern German History* (chapters 5–7 inclusive) (Dent 1953. 30s.).

or K. S. Pinson: *Modern Germany: Its History and Civilization* (chapters I–V) (Macmillan, New York, 1954. 35s.).

Sir C. K. Webster: *The Congress of Vienna* (Bell. 10s. 6d.).

A. Cecil: *Metternich* (Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1947. 18s.).

A. J. P. Taylor: *The Hapsburg Monarchy, 1815–1918* (Hamish Hamilton. 15s.).

\*W. O. Henderson: *The Zollverein* (Cambridge)

V. Valentin: 1848: *Chapters in German History* (Allen and Unwin. 12s. 6d.).

\*Sir L. Namier: 1848: *The Revolution of the Intellectuals* (Oxford).

Sir J. Clapham: *The Economic Development of France and Germany 1815–1914* (Cambridge, 1930) (chapters II, IV–VII).

*For reference:*

F. B. Artz: *Reaction and Revolution, 1814–32* (Harper Bros., 1934).

W. L. Langer: *Liberalism, Nationalism and Socialism, 1832–52* (Harper Bros.).

**I. The Condition of England, 1840–1865.**

This subject is intended to be a study of the social, economic and political history of England during this period. Questions will not be asked on constitutional changes and foreign affairs.

E. Halévy: *A History of the English People* (Benn): either *The Age of Peel and Cobden, 1841–1852* (1948) or *Victorian Years, 1841–1895* (1951) which incorporates the former volume.

E. L. Woodward: *The Age of Reform, 1815–1870* (Oxford History of England), Books I and IV.

J. L. and B. Hammond: *The Age of the Chartists, 1832–1854* (Longmans, 1930) or *The Bleak Age* (Penguin Books, 1947).

G. D. H. Cole: *A Short History of the British Working Class Movement, 1789–1947* (new enlarged edition, Allen & Unwin, 1948): Part I, chapters VIII and IX; Part II, chapters I–IV and X.

A. Redford: *The Economic History of England, 1760–1860* (Longmans, 1931).

or G. P. Jones and A. G. Pool: *A Hundred Years of Economic Development in Great Britain* (Duckworth, 1940), Part I.

Mark Hovell: *The Chartist Movement* (Manchester University Press, 2nd edition, 1943).

S. Maccoby (ed.): *The English Radical Tradition, 1763–1914* (Kaye, 1952), Parts IV and V.

*For reference:*

John Morley: *Life of Richard Cobden* (Fisher Unwin, 1879 or later editions).

G. M. Trevelyan: *Life of John Bright* (Constable, 1913 or later edition).

It is hoped that candidates will read some of the contemporary writings dealing with the subject—e.g. Thomas Carlyle, *Past and Present* (1843); Charles Dickens, *Hard Times* (1856); Charles Kingsley, *Yeast* (1848) or *Alton Locke* (1850); B. Disraeli, *Coningsby* (1844) or *Sybil* (1845); Mrs Gaskell, *Mary Barton* (1848).

**J. Great Britain and Africa, 1880-1914.**

- Earl of Cromer: *Modern Egypt* (Macmillan, 1908).  
 V. Halpérin: *Lord Milner and the Empire*, pp. 40-74, 86-153 (Odhams, 1952).  
 E. Huxley: *White Man's Country*, vol. I (Macmillan, 1953).  
 C. P. Lucas, revised A. B. Keith: *Historical Geography of the British Colonies*, vol. III (West Africa) (Oxford, 1913).  
 B. Williams: *Life of Cecil Rhodes* (Constable, 1921).  
 E. A. Walker: *A History of South Africa*, pp. 392-554 (Longmans, 1947).  
 \*I. L. Evans: *The British in Tropical Africa* (Cambridge, 1929).

*For reference:*

- C. E. Carrington: *The British Overseas*, pp. 639-757, 801-33 (Cambridge, 1950).  
 J. L. Garvin: *Life of Joseph Chamberlain*, vol. III, pp. 3-147, 151-237, 307-23, 347-632 (Macmillan, 1934).

**Paper VII. World Affairs since 1919**

The aim of the examination in this subject is to promote objective understanding of the political systems, economic conditions, and social life of other nations, with some knowledge of international relations, based on a study of the period 1919-1945.

The majority of questions set will be directly on developments within the period 1919-1945, but these dates should not be taken to be rigidly exclusive. Some questions will be asked about topical problems. Candidates will be expected to show understanding of the present-day significance of developments between the two wars.

The paper will be divided into six sections, A to F, as shown below, and candidates will be expected to answer four questions in 2½ hours, taking not more than two from any one section.

**Suggested Reading**

In the nature of the subject it is not always possible to recommend completely satisfactory books, partly because some books on recent history show bias, and partly because on some modern problems adequate books have not yet been written. The following lists only include books such as candidates might be expected to read or to consult. Such reading should normally be supplemented, as far as possible, by the reading of pamphlets, newspapers (such as *The Times* or *The Manchester Guardian*), and the weekly and monthly periodicals.

*Note.* Books which are understood to be at present out of print are indicated by an asterisk.

**A. The United States of America:**

- J. T. Adams: *The Epic of America* (Routledge, 1945. 10s. 6d.).  
 or A. Nevins and H. S. Commager: *America: The Story of a Free People* (Oxford, 1942. 15s.).  
 Ernest S. Griffith: *The American System of Government* (Methuen, 1954. 7s. 6d.).  
 D. W. Brogan: *The U.S.A.: An Outline of the Country, its People and Institutions* (Oxford, 2nd ed., 1947. 7s. 6d.).  
 D. W. Brogan: *Roosevelt and the New Deal* (Oxford, 1952. 16s.).  
 \*D. Perkins: *The Evolution of American Foreign Policy* (Oxford, 1949). (H.U.L., No. 208.)  
 F. A. Shannon: *America's Economic Growth* (Macmillan Company of New York, 1940. 42s.). For reference only.

**B. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:**

- C. Hill: *Lenin and the Russian Revolution* (English Universities Press, 1947. 7s. 6d.).  
 R. N. Carew Hunt: *The Theory and Practice of Communism* (Bles, 1950. 12s. 6d.).  
 S. and B. Webb: *Soviet Communism: A New Civilization?* (Longmans, 3rd ed., in one volume, 1944. 30s.) Part II only.  
 I. Deutscher: *Stalin: A Political Biography* (Oxford, 1949. 25s.).  
 \*Sir John Maynard: *The Russian Peasant and Other Studies* (Gollancz, 1942).  
 E. H. Carr: *The Bolshevik Revolution, 1917-1923* (Macmillan, 3 vols., 1950-3). For reference only.

**C. The British Empire and Commonwealth:**

- [*Excluding India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the United Kingdom.*]  
 Sir E. Barker: *Ideas and Ideals of the British Empire* (Cambridge, 1941. 7s. 6d.).  
 Sir Ivor Jennings: *The British Commonwealth* (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).  
 N. Mansergh: *The Commonwealth and the Nations* (R.I.I.A., 1948. 8s. 6d.).  
 G. P. de T. Glazebrook: *A Short History of Canada* (Oxford, 1950. 12s. 6d.).  
 or J. M. S. Careless: *Canada: A Story of Challenge* (Cambridge, 1953. 12s. 6d.).  
 A. Keppel-Jones: *South Africa* (Hutchinson, 8s. 6d.).  
 W. L. Burn: *The British West Indies* (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).  
 C. E. Carrington: *The British Overseas* (Cambridge, 1950. 50s.), chapters XVI-XXI.  
 Brock: *Britain and the Dominions* (Cambridge, 1951. 12s. 6d.).

## D. South and South-East Asia:

[India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia.]

- Sir R. S. Coupland: *India: A Re-Statement* (Oxford, 1945. 12s. 6d.).  
 P. E. Roberts: *History of British India* (Oxford, 3rd ed., 1951. 18s.).  
 C. H. Philips: *India* (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).  
 \*A. Mellor: *India since Partition* (Turnstile Press, 1951. 7s. 6d.).  
 A. L. Symonds: *The Making of Pakistan* (Faber, 1949. 12s. 6d.).  
 Percival Spear: *India, Pakistan and the West* (Oxford, 1949. 6s.).  
 S. D. Bailey: *Ceylon* (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).  
 B. H. M. Vlekke: *The Story of the Dutch East Indies* (Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1946).  
 D. G. E. Hall: *Burma* (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).  
 Sir R. O. Winstedt: *Malaya and its History* (Hutchinson, 8s. 6d.).

## E. Europe:

- G. M. Gathorne-Hardy: *A Short History of International Affairs, 1920-1939* (Oxford, for R.I.I.A., 4th ed., 1950. 21s.).  
 \*R. W. Seton-Watson: *Britain and the Dictators* (Cambridge, 1938).  
 \*Harold Butler: *The Lost Peace* (Faber, 1941).  
 R. R. Betts: *Central and South East Europe, 1945-1948* (R.I.I.A., 1950. 18s.).  
 David Thomson: *Democracy in France: The Third and Fourth Republics* (Oxford, for R.I.I.A., 2nd ed., 1952. 16s.).  
 Gerald Brenan: *The Spanish Labyrinth* (Cambridge, 2nd ed., 1950. 31s. 6d.).  
 M. H. H. Macartney: *The Rebuilding of Italy* (Cambridge, 1945. 5s.).  
 \*E. Wiskemann: *The Rome-Berlin Axis* (Oxford, 1949).  
 Alan Bullock: *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny* (Odhams, 1952. 25s.). For reference only.

## F. General. (Modern political theories and systems both national and international, economic policies and world trade):

- E. H. Carr: *International Relations between the Two World Wars, 1919-1939* (Macmillan, 1947. 10s.).  
 \*E. H. Carr: *The New Society* (Macmillan, 1951).  
 A. Cobban: *National Self-Determination* (Oxford, for R.I.I.A., 2nd ed., 1948. 15s.).  
 M. J. Oakeshott: *Social and Political Doctrines of Contemporary Europe* (Cambridge, 2nd ed., 1941. 18s.).  
 David Thomson: *World History from 1914 to 1950* (Oxford, 1954. 6s.).  
*United Nations Documents, 1941-1945.* (R.I.I.A., 1946. 10s. 6d.).  
 For reference only.

## Paper IX. Ancient History

There will be one 2½-hour paper, divided into three Sections, A, B, C, as given below, but some questions will overlap the divisions of these periods. Each Section will contain about eight questions; candidates will be required to answer four, chosen from not less than two Sections.

Questions on the history of ideas, and on economic and social history, will be among those set; some of the following books may be found useful for this part of the course:

- Warde Fowler: *The City-State of the Greeks and Romans* (Macmillan).  
 G. Glotz: *The Greek City and its Institutions* (Kegan Paul).  
 A. E. Zimmern: *The Greek Commonwealth* (Oxford).  
 Cowell: *Cicero and the Roman Republic* (Pitman).  
 J. Carcopino: *Daily Life at Rome under the Empire* (Routledge).  
 \*M. Rostovtzeff: *A Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire* (Oxford).  
 \*Tenney Frank: *An Economic History of Rome* (Cape).

*Section A.* Greece and the Aegean—from the Trojan War to 404 B.C. Some of the following books, in addition to the standard histories, may be found useful for study or for reference in connection with the pre-Classical period:

- \*M. Rostovtzeff: *A History of the Ancient World*, vol. 1. Orient and Greece (Oxford).  
 \*G. Glotz: *The Aegean Civilization* (Kegan Paul).  
 \*M. P. Nilsson: *Homer and Mycenae* (Methuen).  
 A. J. B. Wace: *Mycenae* (Princeton).  
 \*A. Jardé: *The Formation of the Greek People* (Kegan Paul).  
 H. L. Lorimer: *Homer and the Monuments* (Macmillan).

*Section B.* Greek and Roman History, 404 B.C. to 44 B.C.

*Section C.* Roman History, 44 B.C. to A.D. 337.

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