

## Paper 1 Help Sheet

Here is a summary of what each question is looking for and some hints on the kind of language that you should use in each question.

### Question 1, part a

*This question is testing your understanding of a source.*

*You need to come up with 3 points to get your marks. Useful sentence starters are:*

- This source says that....
- Firstly
- Secondly...
- It also says that...

### Part b

*This question is also testing your understanding of a source. You need two clear points to get your two marks.*

*Always get straight to the point; do not waste time describing the source!*

- One message of this source is that....
- This is supported by....(here, refer to specific details in the source)
- Another message of the source is...(make sure you give a separate point)

### Question 2

*This question is testing your ability to analyse a source by looking at its origin, its purpose and its content. You are assessing how valuable the source is for a historian studying a particular topic/issue*

*Use the words 'origin', 'purpose' or 'content' in each of your sentences to ensure that you are focused on what the question needs, e.g.*

- A value of the source is that its author...
- The purpose makes it valuable because
- The content is focused on....and the language suggests that.....
- On the other hand there are also limitations to using this source for finding out about...This is because..
- A limitation of the origin is..



- A limitation of the purpose is...
- The content of this source makes it less valuable because..

### Question 3

*This question is assessing your ability to compare and contrast two sources.*

*It is important that you cross-reference the sources throughout, so start by talking about both sources in your opening sentence to make it clear that this is what you intend to do:*

- Sources A and B both agree that.....as Source A says.... And Source B says...
- Moreover, the two sources are also similar in that...This is supported by .....in Source A and .....in Source B.

*For a contrasting paragraph these could be useful:*

- Source A differs from Source B in that Source A says.....while Source B argues that....
- Another difference between the two sources is that while Source A argues....., Source B only....
- Moreover, Source B goes further than Source A when it suggests/says that.....

### Question 4

*This question is assessing your ability to synthesize documents with your own knowledge as well as your ability to give supported arguments or points that address the specific essay question. Use the essay writing skills that you use for questions on Paper 2. (see separate hand-out).*

*These sentences openers might be useful for linking the information in the sources with your own knowledge:*

- As it says in Source C.....
- This is supported by the information given in Sources ....
- Source A suggests that.....and this is supported by the fact that in the Soviet Union at this time.....
- Historians have argued that ..... This viewpoint is supported by the information in Source D concerning...

