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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

| Part (a) | Generic Levels of Response: | Marks |
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| Level 4 | Makes a developed comparison Makes a developed comparison between the two sources, recognising points of similarity and difference. Uses knowledge to evaluate the sources and shows good contextual awareness. | 12–15 |
| Level 3 | Compares views and identifies similarities and differences Compares the views expressed in the sources, identifying differences and similarities. Begins to explain and evaluate the views using the sources and knowledge. | 8–11 |
| Level 2 | Compares views and identifies similarities and/or differences Identifies relevant similarities or differences between the views/sources and the response may be one-sided with only one aspect explained. Alternatively, both similarities and differences may be mentioned but both aspects lack development. | 4–7 |
| Level 1 | Describes content of each source Describes or paraphrases the content of the two sources. Very simple comparisons may be made (e.g. one is from a letter and the other is from a speech) but these are not developed. | 1–3 |
| Level 0 | No relevant comment on the sources or the issue | 0 |

| Part (b) | Generic Levels of Response: | Marks |
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| Level 5 | Evaluates the sources to reach a sustained judgement Answers are well focused, demonstrating a clear understanding of the sources and the question. Reaches a sustained judgement about the extent to which the sources support the statement and weighs the evidence in order to do this. | 21–25 |
| Level 4 | Evaluates the sources Demonstrates a clear understanding of the sources and the question. Begins to evaluate the material in context, considering the nature, origin and purpose of the sources in relation to the statement. At the top of this level candidates may begin to reach a judgement but this is not sustained. | 16–20 |
| Level 3 | Uses the sources to support and challenge the statement Makes valid points from the sources to both challenge and support the statement in the question. These comments may be derived from source content or may be about the provenance/nature of the sources. | 11–15 |
| Level 2 | Uses the sources to support or challenge the statement Makes valid points from the sources to either support the statement in the question or to challenge it. These comments may be derived from source content or may be about the provenance/nature of the sources. | 6–10 |

| Part (b) | Generic Levels of Response: | Marks |
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| Level 1 | Does not make valid use of the sources Describes the content of the sources with little attempt to link the material to the question. Alternatively, candidates may write an essay about the question without reference to the sources. | 1–5 |
| Level 0 | No relevant comment on the sources or the issue | 0 |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
|----------|---|-------|
| 1(a) | Compare and contrast the views of the relationship between Bismarck and the King in Sources A and B. | 15 |
| | Similarities include: | |
| | Both agree that there is a difference of opinion between the two men, with the King not wishing a war, and Bismarck being much keener on it. Both sources suggest that Bismarck is attempting to manipulate a situation to get the outcome he desires, which is a war with Austria. Both agree Bismarck is the one in charge – A talks of his talent to manipulate the King and B describes him as 'by far the clearest and sharpest of the two'. Both sources agree that Bismarck made the King angry. | |
| | Differences include: | |
| | One difference lies in the attitude of the two authors towards the methods that Bismarck uses to achieve his ends against the stated wishes of the King. Source A sees Bismarck's manipulative skills as a talent, while the author of Source B has reservations about it. The outcome is not clear from Source B – the King does not appear to have changed his mind – whereas Source A sees Bismarck as being highly likely to get his own way. A believes Bismarck is forcing the King into something he is against whereas B is encouraging the King towards a different state of mind – so a more forceful approach in A | |
| | Explanation | |
| | Source A is from the Crown Prince who was a known critic of Bismarck at the time, but naturally well-informed. There may well be personal bias there, but contextual knowledge would suggest that what the Crown Prince says is close to the truth when it comes to Bismarck's methods and his techniques for managing people and situations. Source B is from a General who was present at this key meeting on the Austrian crisis, so he is well informed and likely to be a reliable witness to the meeting. | |
| 1(b) | 'Austria must take responsibility for causing the war in 1866.' How far do Sources A to D support this view? | |
| | Source A challenges the hypothesis. It makes it clear that Bismarck is doing all he can to commit Prussia to a war with Austria and is trying hard to win over the King to his cause. The responsibility lies firmly with Bismarck and not Austria. | |
| | Source A : The Crown Prince was a known critic of Bismarck at the time, but naturally well-informed. This was a private letter, containing criticism of the King, as well as Bismarck, so unlikely to be intended for publication. There may well be personal bias there, but contextual knowledge would suggest that what the Crown Prince says is close to the truth when it comes to Bismarck's methods and his techniques for managing people and situations. | |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 1(b) | Source B challenges the hypothesis by making it clear that Bismarck is the aggressor and is aiming to 'round off' Prussian territory and his focus is on making the King support his wish to go to war. | 25 |
| | Source B : The author was present at this key meeting on the Austrian crisis. As a General he would have a good grasp of affairs and so could be considered a reliable witness. Contextual knowledge would indicate this is an accurate and reliable source as well. It was written very soon after the meeting. | |
| | Source C supports: King William blames Austria for the war and says he has no option but to fight. He blames historic jealousy and portrays himself as the injured party. Austria is also blamed for failing to reach an agreement with Prussia, brokered by other European powers. | |
| | Source C : King William I made this speech on the eve of war and in response to Emperor Francis Joseph's own war manifesto which was issued a day earlier. Candidates can use their contextual knowledge to assess the validity of the claims he makes. They may also consider the purpose of the speech which was to motivate the people to support Prussia and justify Prussia's actions. Candidates may consider that this lessens its reliability. | |
| | Source D can be used on both sides of the argument. | |
| | D supports the hypothesis to a degree: the author argues that Bismarck was justified in his actions against Austria on account of her 'treacherous toleration of revolutionary intrigues against Prussia.' Austria started to prepare for conflict which led Prussia to feel threatened and arm in self-defence. The author finally feels that Austria must take the bulk of the responsibility through her refusal to suspend her warlike preparations in Italy. | |
| | Source D can also be seen to challenge the hypothesis: Austria's military preparations are justified by Bismarck's tone towards them and the increasing tension between the two states. There is also the mention of the 'hatred' of Austria in Berlin, so Prussia bears some of the blame. | |
| | Source D: Given that the source was published in 1875, when Bismarck was still Chancellor in Germany, and it does not completely exonerate Bismarck from responsibility, it could well be seen to be accurate. There is a degree of balance in the comments and the Austrian perspective is often neglected in many books. | |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 2(a) | Compare and contrast Sources A and D on the reasons for opposing the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. | 15 |
| | Similarities include: | |
| | • Both agree that repeal of the Missouri Compromise will revive the slavery question as the focus of sectional divisions between North and South. | |
| | Differences include: | |
| | Source A focuses narrowly on the consequences of repeal for the question of slavery whereas Source D also considers the wider implications of repeal for the stability of the Union | |
| | Explanation | |
| | Source A comes from a Southern newspaper writing at the time of the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, which overruled the Missouri Compromise. As the Compromise was seen as limiting the ability of the South to expand slavery into newly established US territories, it is surprising that Source A argues against the repeal. Source D is from a public speech by Lincoln who in 1854 was still a Whig politician, though until then he had played little part in national politics. Both sources are arguing a case. Both need to be considered with care. | |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 2(b) | 'The passing of the Kansas-Nebraska Act was a triumph for the slave- holding states.' How far do Sources A to D support this view? | 25 |
| | Source A challenges the hypothesis. Written by a Southern newspaper it argues that there was no expectation that slavery would be extended into the new territories, and that the political upheaval caused by the Kansas-Nebraska Act would be 'the rallying cry for another anti-slavery agitation' on a greater scale than ever before. | |
| | Source A is the response of a Southern newspaper to the proposed Kansas-Nebraska Act. It is presumably intended to influence the opinions of its readers. Its argument is not what would be expected from a Southern newspaper, which makes it a reliable, if unorthodox expression of Southern opinion. | |
| | Source B: this source appears to support the hypothesis when it argues that the number of slave states will expand and that popular opposition to the Bill will die out and the slaveholders will be able to decide the future destiny of the USA. (Note: is a face value reading only but is an acceptable argument). | |
| | Source B challenges: the argument that popular opposition to the Bill will die out and the slaveholders will be able to decide the future destiny of the USA is the newspaper's understanding of Southern views. The newspaper itself believes that 'right will ultimately triumph', as decided by free men from North and South, implying the defeat of slavery. Therefore, Source B challenges the hypothesis. | |
| | Source B: This New York newspaper provides a balanced opinion piece. It explains the plans of the slaveholders following the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act before providing its own reasoned perspective. Most of the extract is taken up with Southern ambitions. Its argument is carefully argued, slightly obscure – and probably deliberately so. It is more reliable than most in considering the impact of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. | |
| | Source C supports the hypothesis. It spends most of its time detailing Southern ambitions before commenting on Northern attitudes towards Southern expectations. This time, however, the final sentence is still focused on the South. The Kansas-Nebraska Act has enabled the slave states to reveal their true ambitions. In this respect, the Kansas-Nebraska Act is a triumph for the South. | |
| | Source C is a Northern source which explains Southern ambitions and does so in a fairly even-handed way. Only the occasional phrase, such as 'fling off their masks' suggests a critical view of the slaveholding states. Another statement which implies criticism of the South comes with 'the South supposes that' in the final sentence. This hints that they could be wrong, that the North will eventually challenge the South. In its explanation and commentary, Source C provides a reliable attempt to explain the impact of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. | |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 2(b) | Source D supports: Lincoln focuses on the Missouri Compromise, which he wants restored. The slave-holding states voted for its abolition. Though the Act is portrayed as a Union-saving measure – and thus to be welcomed – in fact it does little, if anything to ensure the survival of the Union. The passage of the Kansas-Nebraska was a triumph for the South – clear support for the hypothesis. Also, the triumph of one section means the end of a willingness to compromise, which Lincoln regrets. He would prefer an extension of slavery into new states than the breakup of the Union. Source D is taken from a public speech by Lincoln several months after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. As always, he expresses his views carefully and in a reasoned, non-rhetorical manner. In considering the impact of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, this is as reliable as can be expected from a politician making a public speech. | |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 3(a) | Compare and contrast Sources C and D as evidence about the League's reaction to the Japanese invasion of Manchuria. | 15 |
| | Differences include: | |
| | • Source C describes the League's reaction as rather more defensive/cautious towards Japan. It mentions the fact that Japan had a right to have some troops there and that it is rather cautious about sending a Commission. The reaction of the League in Source D is rather more critical of Japan. It states that Japan had been planning this action and that its military actions cannot be accepted as self-defence. | |
| | Similarities include: | |
| | Both sources mention that the League's reaction included sending a Commission of Enquiry. Both sources suggest the League failed to come down on one side or the other. Both sources suggest that the League is reluctant to completely condemn Japan. | |
| | Explanation | |
| | Source C comes from the British Government. Britain had been on good terms with Japan and certainly regarded Japan as more civilised than China. It was also seen as bring some order to a lawless area where China had lost control. This explains the sympathy shown towards Japan's position. It should also be remembered that Britain was reluctant to committing itself to having to act. | |
| | Source D is from the Lytton Report. The Commission was sent out to establish the facts. It is based on many eye-witness interviews. The Report is reasonably even-handed. Although the report is more critical of Japan, key members of the League (such as Britain in Source C) were not keen to act. | |

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 3(b) | 'Japan's actions in Manchuria were justified.' How far do Sources A to D support this view? | 25 |
| | Source A challenges the hypothesis – it clearly says the Japanese soldiers attacked and occupied Mukden without provocation. The Chinese troops did not aggravate the situation in any way. | |
| | Source A is an appeal by China. It is trying to persuade the League to act and so will give a one-sided account of the events. Candidates could use their contextual knowledge to assess the validity of the claims which this source makes. | |
| | Source B supports the statement because it claims that Chinese troops destroyed the tracks. The Japanese disarmed Chinese troops to prevent disaster. The Japanese soldiers mostly withdrew. There was not a 'military occupation' and Japan had no territorial designs. Finally, all Japan wanted was for their subjects to engage in peaceful activities that would develop the area. | |
| | Source B is a statement by the Japanese. This is in response to the China appeal. It is trying to justify Japanese actions and prevent the League from doing anything. Therefore, it is not surprising that this account is one-sided and candidates may question its reliability. | |
| | Source C can be used to support – it tells us that Japan had a genuine grievance. It owned the Railway and was entitled to have troops there to guard the railway. | |
| | Overall Source C challenges the idea as it tells us Japan ignored the League's request to evacuate and simply continued their military operations. Japan broke the terms of the Covenant. | |
| | Source C comes from the British Government. Candidates may use their contextual knowledge to show that Britain had been on good terms with Japan and regarded Japan as more civilised than China. Japan was seen as bringing some order to a lawless area where China had lost control. This explains the sympathy shown towards Japan's position. It should also be remembered that Britain was reluctant to committing itself to military action on behalf of the League. | |
| | Source D challenges the idea when it says the explosion did not justify Japanese military action. Their actions were not legitimate self-defence. The new regime (Manchukuo) could not be recognised which means the League did not regard it as legitimate. | |
| | Source D is from the Lytton Report. The Commission was sent out to establish the facts. It is based on many eye-witness interviews which might improve its reliability. The Report is reasonably even-handed. | |