**Guidelines to Essay Marking Scheme**

**LC Higher Level History**

The examiner will award marks to each paragraph or paragraph equivalent as follows:

**Cumulative Mark (CM)** (Maximum = 60 marks)

***Ex* Excellent:** 11-12 marks *Outstanding piece of analysis, exposition or commentary. Clearly expressed, accurate and substantial information*.

**Very good**: 8-10 marks *Very good material, accurately and clearly expressed.*

**Good**: 6-7 marks *Worthwhile information, reasonably well expressed*.

**Fair**: 3-5 marks *Limited information/barely stated.*

**Poor:** 0-2 marks *Trivial/irrelevant/grave errors*.

**Overall Evaluation (OE)** (Maximum = 40 marks)

**Excellent:**34-40 marks *Excellent in its treatment of the set question, particularly if it shows detailed learning, wide reading, analysis or extensive coverage.*

**Very good:**28-33 marks *Very good – but not excellent - in its treatment of the set question, ie: accurate and substantial.*

**Good:**22-27 marks *Good standard treatment of the set question, without being exceptional in the information or the commentary supplied*.

**Fair:** 16-21 marks *Fair attempt at the set question, but has identifiable defects, eg: incomplete coverage, irrelevant data, factual inaccuracies*.

**Weak**: 10-15 marks *Poor, in that it fails to answer the question as set, but has some merit*.

**Very weak:**0-9 marks *Very poor answer which, at best, offers only scraps of information.*

In awarding the OE, the examiner will evaluate the quality of the answer, taking into account the following, as appropriate:

*• To what extent has the candidate shown the ability to analyse the issues involved in the question asked (ie:more than mere narrative)?*

*• To what extent has the candidate marshalled the relevant evidence to support his/her analysis?*

*• To what extent has the candidate shown the ability to argue a case and to reach conclusions (ie: to answer the question as asked)?*