

Candidate Style Answers

GCSE History B (Modern World)

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GCSE History B

A972/22 How far did British society change, 1939-1975?

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2) Study Sources B and C. Which source is more useful in telling you about the feelings of immigrants in Britain? Use details of the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. (8)	
<i>Candidate style answer</i>	<i>Examiner's commentary</i>
<p><i>I think that both sources are useful because they tell you about different experiences.</i></p> <p><i>Source B is very useful because it tells us how the woman's feelings about Britain changed once she started living there. She wanted to come here because she loved Britain. She expected to be treated well because many West Indians had fought for Britain in the war. Also, she was invited here because Britain needed nurses for the NHS. Despite having a positive attitude she was beaten down by racism, ignorance and abuse. Many immigrants were accused of not fitting in but this woman tried very hard and was abused. The majority of immigrants had this experience. In 1958 there were riots against them. Also Source A shows people wrote graffiti against immigrants.</i></p> <p><i>Source C is useful because it shows that some immigrants did have good experiences. The woman in this source became close friends with people she worked with. The source is also useful in telling us that there were other immigrants in Britain at the time, Jews and Irish.</i></p> <p><i>So overall, both sources are useful but Source B is more useful because it shows what most immigrants had to put up with while Source C is an exception.</i></p>	<p>High level response</p> <p>This is a sensible introduction to the answer, showing that the candidate is trying to take a balanced approach.</p> <p>The usefulness of the source is explained clearly. Rather than simply extracting information from the source the candidate has made inferences. The answer infers that Source B's feelings have changed over time and that she had a positive attitude. These inferences are then backed up by extracts from the source and they are also put into the context of race riots and cross referenced to source A.</p> <p>The second source is also used effectively, but the analysis of this source is not quite so well developed and the context is also limited. As a result, the answer reaches the top level but not the full marks.</p>

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**Which source is more useful in telling you about the feelings of immigrants in Britain?
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Candidate style answer

Examiner's commentary

Source B is more useful than Source C because it is an eyewitness account of a person who actually went through what she was talking about. She explains how she got abused. She would remember this.

Source C gives a different story and talks about how the woman laughed but this is not the woman talking. It is her son writing and he would have been young or maybe not even born when these events were happening so this story may not be accurate.

Medium level response

This is a medium level response because the only real analytical points being made here are about the type of source and could in fact refer to any source. The comments are speculative and are what examiners often refer to as 'stock evaluation' – general phrases about sources rather than specific analyses.

4) Study Sources E and F. Which source do you think gives a more accurate view of the reception given to immigrants? Use details of the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. (9)	
Candidate style answer	Examiner's commentary
<p><i>Overall I think that Source F is probably more accurate than Source E because it tells us about the majority of immigrants rather than a one off event.</i></p> <p><i>Source E shows immigrants being welcomed in 1961. However, it is one isolated incident. It is obviously a demonstration of some kind, because in normal everyday life people would not be carrying banners around. This means it is not really typical. It is probably an event staged by people who support immigration. This is not what happened every day to most immigrants.</i></p> <p><i>Source F gives a more accurate view. To begin with he talks about himself and also he mentions many other people from his country as well. So his view is more typical. His view is also supported by Source B which talks about racism, ignorance and abuse towards immigrants. Source G also supports what Source F says. In Source G people are praising Enoch Powell who wanted to stop immigration.</i></p>	<p>High level response</p> <p>This is a very clear introduction which shows that the candidate has thought through the answer being given.</p> <p>Source E is evaluated very effectively in terms of its typicality. The comment about the placards is especially effective. Candidates sometimes struggle to make effective use of visual evidence like this.</p> <p>Source F is evaluated even more thoroughly. The use of cross referencing to Sources B and G is particularly effective along with the contextual knowledge about Enoch Powell.</p> <p>With its evaluation of both sources and a well reasoned conclusion this answer would receive high marks.</p>

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Which source do you think gives a more accurate view of the reception given to immigrants? Use details of the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. (9)

Candidate style answer

Examiner's commentary

I think Source F gives a more accurate view. It gives detail about how people were treated. For example the writer says he could only get a job as a cleaner even though he could read and write better than the people in charge. He also says this was true for many others. Source F is a photograph so it shows a real scene but it is only one West Indian arriving. We do not get to see what happens to other immigrants.

Medium level response

This answer would be a medium level response. It does look at both sources but it does not get beyond comparing the content of each source. To reach a higher level answers must evaluate the sources in some way, considering their reliability, typicality, purpose etc.

6) Study all the sources.

'The British welcomed immigrants in the 1950s and 1960s'. How far do the sources in this paper support this statement? Use details of the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer.

Remember to identify the sources you use.

(12)

Candidate style answer

Examiner's commentary

The sources in this paper present us with a mixed view about the statement. Sources C and E support this view, but sources B, D and F disagree.

Sources C and E do support the view that the British welcomed immigrants. In source C the writer says that his mother laughed a lot. She also said that the workers in her job were her close friends. Source E shows people welcoming immigrants to Britain, shaking their hands and holding up placards with 'Welcome to Britain' written on.

On the other hand several sources do not support the statement that the British welcomed immigrants. In Source B the writer says she was beaten down by racism, ignorance and abuse. In Source D the government is trying to discourage people from coming to Britain from India. In Source F a well qualified man from Pakistan was only allowed to be a cleaner and he had many friends who suffered the same way.

So overall I believe that the sources do not support the statement. The sources which do not support it were much more widespread than the good experiences.

High level response

This is a strong, clear introduction setting out that the candidate plans to give us a balanced answer.

The sources are used effectively here. They are related to the statement, showing that they support it. The answer also uses short but clear extracts from the sources showing an understanding that they do support the view in the question.

The same clear approach is taken here, with sources related to the question and short extracts or references used to good effect. The candidate could have used A and G, as they both demonstrate the existence of racism.

This balanced approach, supported by extracts and references, will take the candidate to a high level.

This attempt to address the question of how far will take the candidate high marks but it is not a strong conclusion therefore full marks would not be awarded.

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Examiner's commentary

The sources do not support the statement that the British welcomed immigrants. Source A shows that some people wrote graffiti on walls that said things like 'go home blacks'. Source G is along the same lines. It shows someone has written Powell for PM. Enoch Powell wanted to limit immigration. Source B talks about immigrants having to face racism, ignorance and abuse and the man in Source F said he could only get a job as a cleaner because he was from Pakistan. All this shows the statement is not true.

Medium level response

This is a very thorough medium level answer. The argument is clear and to the point and it uses the sources very well. There are clear references to the content and the general sense of each source. This response cannot go any higher because it only looks at one side of the argument. To reach the higher levels answers must be balanced.