

## Edexcel history: specification overview (2007 onwards)

<b>Advanced Subsidiary GCE 8624</b>	Unit 1: AS source-based paper 6521	From 2007, this will be a <b>2-part</b> question: part A (20 marks) on the evaluation of source material; part B (40 marks) using sources plus own knowledge to address a historical view or claim.	
	Unit 2: AS Key issues and causation paper 6522	Choice of <b>one</b> of <b>two</b> 2-part questions set per option, with marks awarded differently from June 2007 onwards: part A (20 marks) on identification of key features; part B (40 marks) on causation.	
	Unit 3: AS source-based paper 6523	In the 2007 exams, candidates will choose one of two 2-part, non-source-based questions; A (20 marks) on identifying key issues, and B (40 marks) on reaching a judgement.	The <b>coursework</b> alternative, focusing on the significance of key individuals and/or events in depth, with source evaluation. From 2007, the word limit will be 1750-2750 words.
<b>Advanced GCE 9624</b>	Unit 4: A2 paper 6524	A choice of <b>one</b> of <b>two</b> single essay questions set per option, with an analytical focus. From 2007, the exam will be 60 rather than 75 minutes, and again consist of 1 of 2 essays, reaching a substantiated judgement on an issue or problem.	
	Unit 5: A2 source-based paper 6525	From 2007, <b>one question</b> from a choice of 2, focusing on the process, nature or extent of change over not less than 100 years. No source analysis.	The <b>coursework</b> alternative, focusing on source analysis and the process of change over a period of at least a hundred years. From 2007, the word limit will be 2000-3000 words.
	Unit 6: A2 source-based synoptic understanding paper 6526	From 2007, 2 compulsory questions as before; part A (20 marks) comparing source material; part B (40 marks) using the sources to help reach a judgement about a key area of historical debate.	