Sample Assessment Outline

Modern History

ATAR Year 12

Unit 3 – Elective 3: China 1945–89 (From the end of World War II to the Tiananmen Massacre)  
Unit 4 – Elective 3: The struggle for peace in the Middle East since 1945

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| Assessment type  (from syllabus) | Assessment  type weighting  (from syllabus) | Assessment task  weighting | Start and submission date | Assessment task |
| Historical inquiry | 20% | 10% | Semester 1  Issue: Week 6  Submission: Week 9  Validation: Week 9 | **Task 2 Part A:** The historical inquiry process  Topic: The establishment and development of the Communist State  **Task 2 Part B:** In class validation essay completed in 50 minutes under test conditions. Topic: Mao’s Socialist State. Research notes may NOT be used |
| 10% | Semester 2  Issue: Week 10  Submission: Week 13  Validation: Week 13 | **Task 7 Part A:** The historical inquiry process  Topic: Attempts to settle conflicts between Arabs and Israelis  **Task 7 Part B:** In-class validation essay completed in 55 minutes under test conditions. Topic: Attempts to settle conflicts. Research notes may NOT be used |
| Explanation | 20% | 10% | Semester 1, Week 13 | **Task 3:** An in-class explanation completed in 50 minutes under test conditions  Topic: The emergence of Deng Xiaoping as a paramount leader |
| 10% | Semester 2, Week 8 | **Task 6:** An in-class explanation completed in 60 minutes under test conditions  Topic: The Iranian Revolution |
| Source analysis | 20% | 10% | Semester 1, Week 4 | **Task 1:** An in-class source analysis. Sources are based on content relating to the Second Civil War and the establishment of the Communist state |
| 10% | Semester 2, Week 6 | **Task 5:** An in-class source analysis. Sources are based on content regarding the Six‑Day War |
| Examination | 40% | 15% | Semester 1, Week 15 | **Task 4:** Semester 1 examination (3 hours) using the examination design brief from the ATAR Year 12 syllabus. Only content from Unit 3 will be assessed |
| 25% | Semester 2, Week 15 | **Task 8:** Semester 2 examination (3 hours) using the examination design brief from the ATAR Year 12 syllabus. Content from Unit 3 and Unit 4 will be assessed |
| **Total** | **100%** | **100%** |  |  |