

Which was more important as a reason for the failure of the League of Nations

- Its handling of the Manchurian Crisis 1931-32;
- Its handling of the Abyssinian Crisis 1935-36?

You must refer to **both** reasons when explaining your answer (10 marks) 2008.

Target: Analysis and explanation of events leading to causation (AO 6.1)

Candidates either submit no evidence or fail to address the question. **0**

Level 1: Simple descriptive comment and/or gives one reason.

e.g. Japan left the LON

Japan was able to take Manchuria in spite of opposition from the League. **1-2**

Level 2: EITHER

Develops one cause

This starts with description at the bottom of the level, then explanation and obtains top of level for assessment and focus on the question.

e.g. explanations could cover how the actions of the LON failed to solve either problem. And the consequences of this for LON future etc.;

Explanations of effect of Manchuria could cover why the League was unable or unwilling to act – Lytton Commission; no army; no sanctions etc.;

Assesses the effect of this on the failure of the League: first test of League against a major power therefore encouraged others e.g. Mussolini in Abyssinia. Abyssinia was much closer to home, all eyes watching, third world nation taken over by larger European Power is what LON was set up to sort out.

OR

Covers both with some development or explanation

This will involve description or explanation of both with no analysis or assessment and little focus on the question.

N.B. An answer which explains both and supports the explanations with good depth and command of knowledge can be placed at the bottom of level 3.

The answer demonstrates developed understanding of the rules of spelling, punctuation and grammar. It is reasonably well organised and presented in a clear and effective manner.

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Level 3: A selective and structured account covering both bullet points, though one may be in greater depth, focused on the question or establishing some argument.

e.g. assesses the part played by the failure of the League in Manchuria & its effects on Abyssinia, Hitler (consequences).

The answer demonstrates developed understanding of the rules of spelling, punctuation and grammar. It is well organised with an appropriate form and style of writing. Some specialist vocabulary is used. **6-8**

Level 4: Balanced, well argued answer linking both parts, focused on the question.

e.g. assesses both parts in depth. Must reach a reasoned judgement for top of level.

The answer demonstrates highly developed/complex understanding of the rules of spelling, punctuation and grammar. It is well structured, with an appropriate form and style of writing. Specialist vocabulary is used effectively.

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