

Task 1 – Explanation: The Political Responses to the Great Depression

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Task

Explanation (Task 1). An in-class explanation under test conditions. Topic: the political responses to the Great Depression (Scullin and the Premiers' Plan, Lang's radical alternative, the 1931 Labor Split, and the path to recovery), including an assessment of their effectiveness. Official SCSA weighting: 10% of the Year 12 course (Explanation type weighting 20%).

Rubric criteria (weights as a percentage of this assessment)

Criterion	Weight	Descriptor
Analysis and assessment of effectiveness	35%	Explains the responses in terms of cause and effect and assesses their effectiveness against clear criteria, weighing competing approaches rather than merely describing them.
Historical knowledge and understanding	35%	Demonstrates accurate and detailed knowledge and understanding of the causes of the Depression and the competing political responses (Scullin, Lang, the Premiers' Plan, recovery), using historical terms and concepts appropriately.
Explanation and communication	30%	Communicates historical understanding through a clear, well-structured explanation that integrates appropriate evidence to sustain an argument.