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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

Wednesday 4 May 2022 (afternoon)

45 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[15 marks]**.
- Where the word “region” is used, it refers to the following four regions: Africa and the Middle East, the Americas, Asia and Oceania, and Europe.

Topic 1: Society and economy (750–1400)

1. “Changes in travel and transportation had little impact.” Discuss, with reference to **two** societies.
2. Examine the reasons for the spread of religion in **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 2: Causes and effects of wars (750–1500)

3. Evaluate the significance of leaders to the outcomes of **two** wars in the period 750–1500, each chosen from a different region.
4. With reference to **two** wars in the period 750–1500, to what extent was economic change the most significant effect of war?

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Compare and contrast the methods used by **two** rulers to maintain their rule.
6. “Effective government depended on the nobility and the elite.” Discuss with reference to **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Examine the impact of merchants and travellers on developments in trade during the period 1400–1700.
8. “Religious discrimination and persecution were the main cause of religious change.” Discuss.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. “Rulers rarely achieved their ambitions.” Discuss with reference to **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region.
10. “Issues of succession were the main cause of internal conflict.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 6: Causes and effects of Early Modern wars (1500–1750)

11. Examine the impact of technological developments on the practice of war.
12. Discuss the successes and failures of peacemaking after **two** wars.

Topic 7: Origins, development and impact of industrialization (1750–2005)

13. To what extent was political stability the main factor which enabled industrialization in **two** countries?
14. “Developments in transportation were key to industrialization.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Discuss the importance of race to the origins and rise of independence movements in **two** states.
16. Discuss the responses to challenges faced in the first ten years of **one** independent state.

Topic 9: Emergence and development of democratic states (1848–2000)

17. Examine the significance of leaders in the emergence of **two** democratic states, each chosen from a different region.
18. Examine the impact of democracy on the culture of **two** democratic states.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. “Weak political systems were the most significant factor in the emergence of authoritarian states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.
20. Evaluate the impact of social policies in **two** authoritarian states.

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars

21. Compare and contrast the long-term causes of **two** wars.

22. Examine the impact of foreign powers on the outcome of **two** civil wars.

Topic 12: The Cold War: Superpower tensions and rivalries (20th century)

23. “Fear, rather than aggression, was the main cause of superpower rivalry between 1943 and 1949.”
To what extent do you agree with this statement?

 24. Examine the economic impact of the Cold War on **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
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References: