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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

Wednesday 2 November 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. Examine the impact of famine and disease on **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
2. “Trade was the main factor in enabling the transmission of ideas and culture.” Discuss with reference to **two** societies.

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

3. “Political rivalry was the main cause of war between 750 and 1500.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.
4. “The impact of war upon the role of women was mainly positive.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. “The use of force was the most important method used to maintain power.” Discuss, with reference to **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region.
6. “Their successes outweighed their failures.” Discuss with reference to **two** rulers.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Evaluate the significance of intellectual movements on **two** societies.
8. Examine the relationship between religion and the state in **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. Evaluate the impact of ideology on the nature of rule in **two** Early Modern states.
10. With reference to **two** states, evaluate the success of the methods used to overcome challenges to power.

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

11. Compare and contrast the causes of **two** Early Modern wars, each chosen from a different region.
12. To what extent do you agree that demographic changes and population movements were the main effects of **two** Early Modern wars?

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

13. Evaluate the significance of technological developments to the origins of industrialization in **two** countries.
14. “The impact of industrialization on labour conditions was mainly positive.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Examine the importance of war to the rise of independence movements in **two** states, each chosen from a different region.
16. Compare and contrast the methods used in achieving independence in **two** states.

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

17. “Ideology was the most significant factor in the development of democratic states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states, each chosen from a different region.
18. To what extent were the aims of social policies achieved in **two** democratic states?

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. To what extent did the weaknesses of political systems lead to the emergence of authoritarian states in **two** countries, each chosen from a different region?
20. To what extent was foreign policy the most important factor in the maintenance of power in **two** authoritarian states?

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th-century wars

21. Compare and contrast the short-term causes of **two** wars.
22. Evaluate the short-term political impact of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

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

23. Evaluate the cultural impact of the Cold War on **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
 24. Evaluate the impact of **two** crises, each chosen from a different region, on the development of the Cold War.
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