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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

1 November 2023

Zone A afternoon | **Zone B** afternoon | **Zone C** afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different topic.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 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 changes in social structures and systems on **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
2. Evaluate the impact of **two** key individuals on cultural and intellectual developments in the period 750–1400.

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

3. Evaluate the importance of the short- and long-term causes of **two** wars.
4. “The most significant effect of war was demographic change.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. “Rulers were rarely successful in achieving their aims.” Discuss with reference to **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region.
6. Compare and contrast the methods of government and administration of **two** rulers.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Examine the impact of changing patterns of trade on the economies of **two** countries.
8. Discuss the cultural and intellectual impact of **two** key figures, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. “The nature of rule was the main reason for the ascendancy of states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.
10. “Issues of succession were the main cause of internal conflict.” Discuss with reference to **two** early modern states.

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

11. Evaluate the impact of technological developments on the outcome of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
12. “Peacemaking that followed wars was rarely successful.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

13. Evaluate the impact of technological developments on industrialization in **two** countries.
14. Discuss the social impact of urbanization on **two** countries.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Evaluate the importance of political ideology in the rise of **two** independence movements, each chosen from a different region.
16. “Non-violent methods were more effective than violent methods in achieving independence.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.

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

17. “Economic forces were the most important influence on the development of democratic states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states, each chosen from a different region.
18. “Policies towards women were rarely successful in achieving their aims.” Discuss with reference to **two** democratic states.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. Evaluate the impact of war on the emergence of **two** authoritarian states, each chosen from a different region.
20. Evaluate the impact of foreign policy on 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** civil wars.
22. Discuss 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. Discuss the social and cultural impact of the Cold War on **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
 24. “Superpower rivalry increased as a result of Cold War crises.” With reference to **two** crises, each chosen from a different region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
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