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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

7 May 2024

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. “There was only limited change in social structures and systems.” Discuss with reference to **two** societies, each chosen from a different region, in the period 750–1400.
2. Examine the impact of artistic and cultural developments in **two** societies in the period 750–1400.

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

3. “Economic causes played only a limited role in the origin of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars in the period 750–1500.
4. Evaluate the significance of logistics and tactics on the outcome of **two** wars in the period 750–1500.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. With reference to **two** dynasties/kingdoms, evaluate the effectiveness of methods used to expand power in the period 750–1500.
6. “Their successes were greater than their failures.” With reference to **two** medieval rulers in the period 750–1500, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. “The role of women changed significantly in the period 1400–1700.” With reference to **two** societies, each chosen from a different region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. “Religion was more of a challenge than a support to the state in the period 1400–1700.” With reference to **two** states, each chosen from a different region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. Compare and contrast the methods of government of **two** Early Modern states in the period 1450–1789, each chosen from a different region.
10. To what extent were internal challenges to power overcome in **two** Early Modern states in the period 1450–1789?

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

11. “Competition for resources was the main cause of war.” With reference to **two** Early Modern wars in the period 1500–1750, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. Discuss the impact of foreign influence on the outcome of **two** Early Modern wars in the period 1500–1750, each chosen from a different region.

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

13. “Technological developments were the most important reason for industrialization.” Discuss, with reference to **two** countries in the period 1750–2005.
14. Discuss the reasons for opposition to industrialization in **two** countries in the period 1750–2005.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. “External factors were more significant than internal ones in the rise of independence movements.” Discuss with reference to **two** independence movements in the period 1800–2000.
16. With reference to **two** independence movements in the period 1800–2000, each chosen from a different region, to what extent did their success depend on effective leadership?

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

17. Evaluate the significance of external influences on the emergence of **two** democratic states in the period 1848–2000, each chosen from a different region.
18. Evaluate the significance of civil protests in the development of **two** democratic states in the period 1848–2000.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. Compare and contrast the nature of opposition in **two** 20th century authoritarian states.
20. To what extent did the social policies of **two** 20th century authoritarian states lead to significant change?

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars

21. “The mobilization of human and economic resources had the greatest impact on the outcome of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** 20th century wars, each chosen from a different region.
22. “The political impact of war was limited.” Discuss with reference to **two** 20th century wars, each chosen from a different region.

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

23. To what extent did ideology lead to the breakdown of the Grand Alliance in the period 1943–1949?
 24. Examine the social and cultural impact of the Cold War on **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
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