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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

30 October 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. To what extent did the role and status of women in **two** medieval societies in the period 750–1400 change significantly?
2. Evaluate the social and economic importance of religious institutions in **two** medieval societies in the period 750–1400.

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

3. To what extent was leadership the most important factor in determining the outcome of **two** medieval wars in the period 750–1500?
4. Evaluate the economic and social impact of **two** medieval wars in the period 750–1500.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. “Secular law had more significant effects than religious law.” With reference to **two** societies in the period 750–1500, each under a different ruler/dynasty, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. Compare and contrast the methods used by **two** rulers in the period 750–1500, each chosen from a different region, to address internal challenges to power.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Discuss the impact on **two** societies of the treatment of minorities and/or indigenous peoples in the period 1400–1700.
8. Evaluate the social and cultural impact of scientific and technological developments on **two** societies in the period 1400–1700, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. “Economic factors were the most important motivation for the expansion of colonial empires in the period 1450–1789.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
10. Compare and contrast the methods used to maintain power in **two** Early Modern states in the period 1450–1789.

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

11. To what extent was religion the most important cause of **two** Early Modern wars in the period 1500–1750, each chosen from a different region?
12. “Political change was the most significant impact of war.” Discuss with reference to **two** Early Modern Wars in the period 1500–1750.

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

13. “The availability of human and natural resources was the main factor in the origin of industrialization in the period 1750–2005.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries.
14. To what extent was the development of transportation the most important factor in the successful industrialization of **two** countries in the period 1750–2005?

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. “Political factors had the most influence on the rise of independence movements in the period 1800–2000.” Discuss, with reference to **two** movements, each chosen from a different region.
16. To what extent did economic policies in **two** states respond effectively to the challenges faced in the first 10 years of independence in the period 1800–2000?

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

17. Evaluate the significance of constitutions on the emergence of democracy in **two** states in the period 1848–2000, each chosen from a different region.
18. To what extent was there freedom of expression in the arts in **two** democratic states in the period 1848–2000?

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. Evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment of opposition in **two** 20th-century authoritarian states, each chosen from a different region.
20. “Economic policies of authoritarian rulers rarely achieved their aims.” With reference to **two** 20th-century states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

21. “Technological developments were key to the outcome of war.” With reference to **two** 20th-century wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
22. “The role and status of women was significantly changed by war.” Discuss with reference to **two** 20th-century wars.

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

23. To what extent did the policy of peaceful co-existence improve superpower relations up to 1964?
 24. Evaluate the impact of **two** leaders, each chosen from a different region, on the course of the Cold War.
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