



HISTORY ROUTE 1 HIGHER LEVEL PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Monday 14 May 2012 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions. Each question is worth [20 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [60 marks].

Christianity c500–1300

- 1. For what reasons, and with what results, were monastic orders established in medieval Europe?
- 2. How, and with what success, was Gregory VII (1073–1085) able to expand the spiritual and temporal influence of the Papacy?

The Fatimids 909–1171

- 3. Analyse the importance of religious doctrine as a cause of the rise of the Fatimid Empire.
- 4. How did the Fatimid Empire impact the Islamic world?

Monarchies in England and France 1066–1223

- 5. How, and with what success, did royal government seek to become more powerful under either Henry I (1100–1135) or Louis VI (1108–1137)?
- 6. Account for the loss of Angevin power in France by 1214.

The Crusades 1095–1291

- 7. "The motives for the First Crusade by both the Papacy and the crusaders were largely non-religious." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- 8. "Military weakness was the least important reason for the failure of the crusading movement." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The Mongols 1200–1405

- 9. Explain why Genghis Khan was able to successfully invade the Muslim world.
- 10. Assess the reasons for, and the results of, the Mamluk victory at the battle of 'Ayn Jalut.

Muslim, Christian and Jewish interactions in Spain 711–1492

- **11.** Why did Islamic rule collapse in Spain?
- 12. Assess the contributions of al-Andalus to either medieval Europe or the Islamic world.

Emperors and kings 1150–1300

- **13.** For what reasons, and with what results, was royal power challenged during the reign of Henry III (1216–1272)?
- 14. Assess the success of either Louis IX (1226–1270) or Philip IV (1285–1314) in expanding royal power and administration.

Late medieval political crises 1300–1485

- **15.** Analyse the causes and results of the removal of Richard II (1377–1399).
- 16. Compare and contrast the impact on France and England of their war between 1415 and 1453.

Fourteenth century famine, pestilence and social change

- 17. Analyse the reasons for, and the results of, the famines of the early fourteenth century.
- **18.** Assess the significant changes to medieval society as a result of the Black Death (1348–1349).

The Ottomans 1281–1566

- 19. Analyse the reasons for, and the results of, the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople.
- **20.** Analyse the nature and significance for the Ottoman Empire of the contributions of **either** Mehmet II (1451–1481) **or** Suleiman the Magnificent (1520–1566).

Renaissance government and society in Italy 1300–1500

- **21.** Assess the extent to which **two** of the following rulers may be considered successful: Ludovico Sforza (c1452–1508); Lorenzo de Medici (1449–1492); Cesare Borgia (c1475–1507).
- 22. For what reasons, and with what results, did new forms of government emerge during the Renaissance?

New horizons: exploration 1400–1550

- **23.** "The strength of the Islamic world was seriously undermined by European exploration and overseas expansion." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- 24. Assess the importance of scientific and technological developments as causes of the European exploration movement.