



HISTORY ROUTE 1 HIGHER LEVEL

PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Thursday 9 May 2013 (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, was either the Franciscan or Dominican Order founded?
- 2. Assess the causes and results of the expansion of papal power under Innocent III (1198–1216).

The Fatimids 909–1171

- 3. "The principal reason for the rise of the Fatimids was the unpopularity and weakness of the Abbasids." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **4.** Assess the impact of the Fatimid conquest of Egypt and the founding of the city of Cairo.

Monarchies in England and France 1066–1223

- 5. Why were the kings of France able to conquer most of the Angevin territory in France by 1223?
- 6. Describe the methods used by the Norman kings of England, William I (1066–1087) and Henry I (1100–1135), to establish effective central governments.

The Crusades 1095-1291

- 7. "The Second (1145–1149) and Third (1189–1192) Crusades failed because of the strength of the Muslim opposition." Discuss.
- **8.** Assess the impact of the Crusades on **either** medieval Europe **or** the Muslim world.

The Mongols 1200–1405

- **9.** Why were the Abbasid caliphate and the rest of the Islamic world unable to resist the Mongol invasions?
- 10. Assess both the positive and negative impacts of the Mongol invasions for the Islamic world.

Muslim, Christian and Jewish interactions in Spain 711–1492

- 11. Assess the principal influences of al-Andalus on the Islamic world.
- **12.** Analyse the reasons for the expansion of Christian power in Spain after 1031.

Emperors and kings 1150-1300

- 13. In what ways, and with what results, did Edward I (1272–1307) seek to expand his royal authority?
- 14. Analyse the reasons for the establishment of parliament in England in the thirteenth century.

Late medieval political crises 1300-1485

- 15. Explain the decline in power of the Duchy of Burgundy in the fifteenth century.
- **16.** Analyse the causes and the results of the Wars of the Roses.

Fourteenth century famine, pestilence and social change

- 17. "The Black Death was the principal reason for the decline of feudalism." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **18.** "The Black Death had both a positive and negative impact on the medieval church." Discuss.

The Ottomans 1281-1566

- **19.** Assess the reasons for the Ottoman victory over the Byzantine Empire and the capture of Constantinople.
- **20.** How did the expansion of the Ottoman Empire affect medieval Europe?

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Renaissance government and society in Italy 1300–1500

- **21.** "Italy was the only place in Europe where the Renaissance could have occurred." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- 22. Explain how conflict in the Renaissance period affected the development of the arts.

New horizons: exploration 1400–1550

- 23. Analyse the role played by the Muslim world in the process of Western exploration.
- **24.** Assess the reasons for the existence of long-distance travel in the Muslim world.