

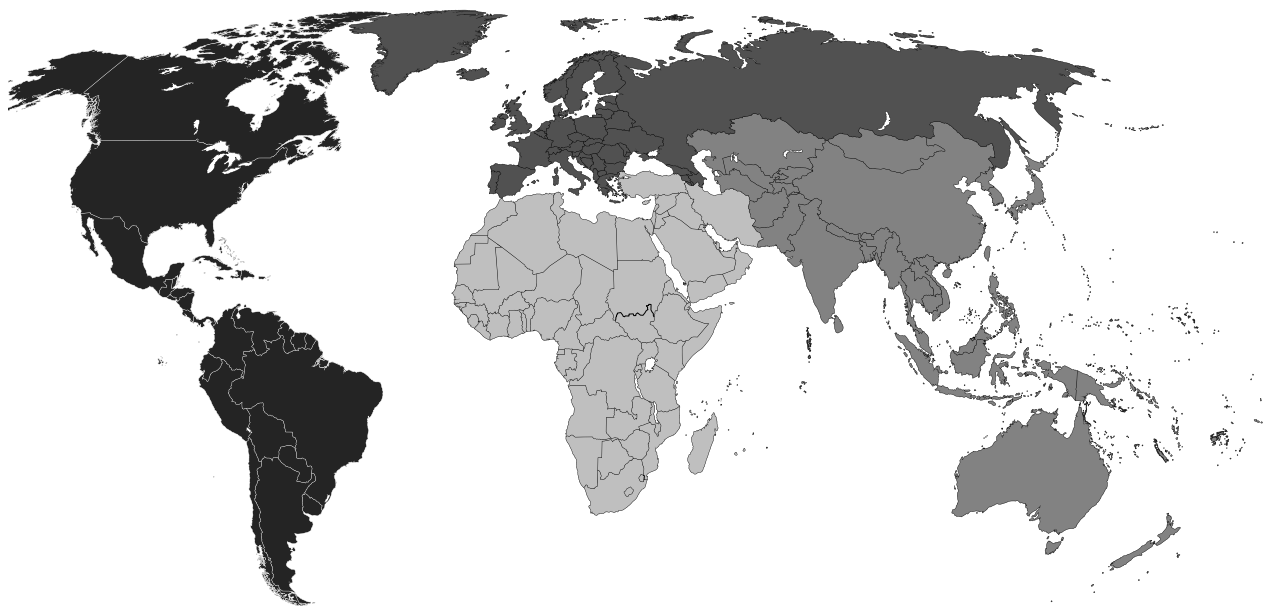
History
Higher level and standard level
Paper 2

Tuesday 9 May 2017 (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: Europe, Asia and Oceania, the Americas, and Africa and the Middle East.



Topic 1 Society and economy (750–1400)

1. Discuss the developments that affected the trade of **two** societies, each from a different region.
2. Evaluate the significance to cultural and intellectual developments of **two** individuals.

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

3. Examine the significance of **two** leaders to the course/practice of warfare.
4. “Demographic change was the most significant effect of war.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

Topic 3 Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. With reference to **two** rulers, compare and contrast the methods used to consolidate their rule.
6. To what extent did **one** ruler overcome the internal **and** external challenges to their power?

Topic 4 Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Discuss the developments that affected the trade of **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
8. “Religion was more often a support than a challenge to states.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 5 Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. “The expansion of early modern colonial empires was motivated by economic factors.” Discuss with reference to **two** early modern colonial empires.
10. Discuss the methods used to maintain power in **two** colonial states.

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

11. Evaluate the importance of religion in causing **two** wars.
12. “Technological developments were the most significant factor in determining the outcome of Early Modern wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

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

13. “Industrialization was entirely the result of technological development.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries, each from a different region.
14. Evaluate the social **and** political impact of industrialization in **one** country.

Topic 8 Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Compare and contrast the methods used to achieve independence in **two** states, each from a different region.
16. “Political problems were the most serious challenge to new states in the first 10 years of independence.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.

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

17. To what extent did social **and** economic factors encourage the demand for democratic reform in **one** state?
18. Evaluate the impact on society of the economic policies used in **two** democratic states.

Topic 10 Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. “The conditions in which authoritarian states emerged were mainly determined by economic factors.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states.
20. Compare and contrast the methods used to maintain power in **two** authoritarian states, each from a different region.

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Topic 11 Causes and effects of 20th-century wars

21. “The influence of foreign powers determined the outcome of 20th century civil wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

22. “The effects of war on the role and status of women were mostly beneficial.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

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

23. To what extent did economic interests rather than ideology lead to the breakdown of the grand alliance between 1943 and 1949?

 24. Evaluate the impact of Cold War tensions on **two** countries (excluding the USSR and the US).
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