

History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

Wednesday 9 May 2018 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer any three questions.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.



Section 1: Indigenous societies and cultures in the Americas (c750–1500)

1. Discuss the importance of landholding and agricultural production in **two** indigenous societies.
2. Discuss the role of polytheistic beliefs in **two** pre-Columbian societies.

Section 2: European explorations and conquests in the Americas (c1492–c1600)

3. Discuss the effects of the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) on the Americas.
4. Evaluate the impact of the use of indigenous labour by the colonial powers on societies in the Americas.

Section 3: Colonial government in the New World (1500–1800)

5. To what extent was Habsburg **and** early Bourbon rule successful in addressing the problems of Spanish America up to 1759?
6. Evaluate the role of gold, silver and sugar in the economic development of colonial America.

Section 4: Religion in the New World (1500–1800)

7. “Religious orders in Spanish and Portuguese America were a challenge to government authority”. Discuss.
8. To what extent was there religious tolerance in British North America during this period?

Section 5: Slavery and the New World (1500–1800)

9. “Slavery was introduced for economic rather than political reasons.” Discuss.
10. Compare and contrast the role of **two** colonial powers in the expansion of slavery in the Americas.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. “Foreign intervention was the main reason for the success of independence movements in the Americas.” With reference to **one** independence movement, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. Discuss the reasons for, and nature of, the Monroe Doctrine.

Section 7: Nation-building and challenges (c1780–c1870)

13. Evaluate the changes in the US political system that were brought about by the 1787 Constitution.
14. Evaluate the policies **and** impact of *caudillo* rule in **one** country.

Section 8: United States’ Civil War: Causes, course and effects (1840–1877)

15. To what extent did the Nullification Crisis contribute to the outbreak of the US Civil War?
16. Evaluate the effectiveness of methods of Southern resistance to Reconstruction.

Section 9: The development of modern nations (1865–1929)

17. Evaluate the impact of international and inter-American trade on the development of **two** countries of the Americas.
18. “Liberalism and positivism were the most important influences on the modernization of the Americas.” Discuss.

Section 10: Emergence of the Americas in global affairs (1880–1929)

19. Evaluate the causes of the Spanish-American War (1898).
20. “Wilson’s policy of moral diplomacy was a failure.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. “Social factors were more significant than political factors in the outbreak of the Mexican Revolution.” Discuss.
22. Discuss the achievements and failures of Carranza.

Section 12: The Great Depression and the Americas (mid 1920s–1939)

23. Discuss the nature and efficacy [effectiveness] of the New Deal.
24. With reference to **one** Latin American country, evaluate the extent of popular mobilization and repression between 1929 and 1939.

Section 13: The Second World War and the Americas (1933–1945)

25. With reference to the period up to 1945, discuss the social impact of the Second World War on women **and** minorities.
26. Evaluate the diplomatic effects of the Second World War in **two** countries of the Americas up to 1945.

Section 14: Political developments in Latin America (1945–1980)

27. To what extent did the Cuban Revolution and the rule of Fidel Castro bring about political and economic change in Cuba?
28. Discuss the reasons for the rise to power of a military dictatorship in **one** country.

Section 15: Political developments in the United States (1945–1980) and Canada (1945–1982)

29. Discuss the impact of Watergate on Nixon’s domestic policy programme.
30. To what extent were the domestic policies of St Laurent successful?

Section 16: The Cold War and the Americas (1945–1981)

31. “Fear of communist expansion was the main reason for US involvement in Vietnam.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
32. “President Carter was successful in his attempt to advance human rights in the Americas.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 17: Civil rights and social movements in the Americas post-1945

33. Evaluate the success of civil rights organizations in advancing the interests of African Americans during the period from 1945 to 1980.
34. Discuss the impact and significance of feminist movements in the Americas.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. Evaluate the reasons for the collapse of the Progressive Conservative Party in Canada.
 36. Discuss the factors that led to the rise of violent **and/or** non-violent movements in **two** countries of Latin America.
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