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Marks	Level descriptor
13–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses are clearly focused, showing a high degree of awareness of the demands and implications of the question. Answers are well structured, balanced and effectively organized. • Knowledge is detailed, accurate and relevant. Events are placed in their historical context, and there is a clear understanding of historical concepts. • Examples used are appropriate and relevant, and are used effectively to support the analysis/evaluation. • Arguments are clear and coherent. There is evaluation of different perspectives, and this evaluation is integrated effectively into the answer. • The answer contains well-developed critical analysis. All, or nearly all, of the main points are substantiated, and the response argues to a reasoned conclusion.
10–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demands of the question are understood and addressed. Answers are generally well structured and organized, although there may be some repetition or lack of clarity in places. • Knowledge is accurate and relevant. Events are placed in their historical context, and there is a clear understanding of historical concepts. Examples used are appropriate and relevant, and are used to support the analysis/evaluation. • Arguments are mainly clear and coherent. There is some awareness and evaluation of different perspectives. • The response contains critical analysis. Most of the main points are substantiated, and the response argues to a consistent conclusion.
7–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response indicates an understanding of the demands of the question, but these demands are only partially addressed. There is an attempt to follow a structured approach. • Knowledge is mostly accurate and relevant. Events are generally placed in their historical context. Examples used are appropriate and relevant. • The response moves beyond description to include some analysis or critical commentary, but this is not sustained.
4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response indicates some understanding of the demands of the question. While there may be an attempt to follow a structured approach, the response lacks clarity and coherence. • Knowledge is demonstrated but lacks accuracy and relevance. There is a superficial understanding of historical context. The answer makes use of specific examples, although these may be vague or lack relevance. • There is some limited analysis, but the response is primarily narrative/descriptive in nature, rather than analytical.

1–3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is little understanding of the demands of the question. The response is poorly structured or, where there is a recognizable essay structure, there is minimal focus on the task.• Little knowledge is present. Where specific examples are referred to, they are factually incorrect, irrelevant or vague.• The response contains little or no critical analysis. It may consist mostly of generalizations and poorly substantiated assertions.
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response does not reach a standard described by the descriptors above.

Section 1: Trade and exchange: The Silk Road in the medieval world (750–1500)

1. Discuss the ways in which Marco Polo **and** Ibn Battuta connected the West and the East.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the ways in which Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta connected the West and the East. Candidates may discuss the ways in which they transmitted increased knowledge of the trading opportunities, such as in jade, silk and porcelain, social customs, such as marriage practices, and religion. Polo and Battuta commented on advanced aspects of the eastern economies, such as postal services, the use of paper money and sophisticated ship-building techniques. Polo's accounts of the splendours of the Khanate court heightened Western interest in the East. It would be valid to discuss the extent to which Polo's and Battuta's travels were known in the Middle Ages, and the reliability of their evidence. Polo and Battuta may be discussed separately, or a comparative approach may be adopted. Equal coverage of the two is not required.

2. "The rise in seaborne trade was the most important reason for the decline of the Silk Road in the 15th century." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the argument that the rise of seaborne trade was the most important reason for the decline of the Silk Road in the 15th century. In support of the argument candidates may discuss the impact of the voyages of Zheng He, which opened up seaborne trade with India, Africa and the Middle East. This was quicker and more secure than the land alternative. The voyages of Dias and da Gama came too late to influence trade before 1500. Candidates may consider the importance of other factors, for example, the steep decline in the silk trade, the Chinese policy of "turning in", the threats from nomadic tribes and the fragmentation of the Mongol Empire which made the Silk Road more hazardous.

Section 2: Japan in the age of the samurai (1180–1333)

3. “Buddhism was the most significant influence on the samurai way of life.” Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the influence Buddhism had on the samurai way of life. In support of the argument candidates may consider how Buddhism focused on developing the attributes of self-discipline, self-reliance, meditation and concentration amongst the samurai. These skills benefited them greatly in their military training and preparation for battle. Candidates may argue that other factors had a greater or equal influence on the samurai way of life. These could include a discussion of Confucianism, the Eight Virtues and the samurai code of honour. Although the term *Bushido* was not used at this time it is acceptable for candidates to refer to code of honour as *Bushido*. This code emphasized military skills and the qualities of kindness, honesty, care and respect by which the samurai lived.

4. “The Mongol invasions highlighted Japan’s military weaknesses and it was only the kamikaze storms (1274 and 1281) that saved Japan.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the argument that Japan’s military was weak and that Japan was only saved from the Mongol invasions by the kamikaze storms. Candidates may agree, partly agree or disagree with the statement. Arguments for Japan’s military weakness may include the traditional practices and methods of warfare of the Japanese such as their opening ceremony to the battle, only firing single arrows and their horses being unprepared for the noise of more modern warfare. Arguments supporting the argument that the kamikaze storms saved Japan from invasion, may include how the storms destroyed the Mongol ships, forcing them to retreat. Arguments against the statement may include the strengths of the Mongols and the ways in which Japan’s military was better prepared for the second Mongol invasion with improved defences and new tactics.

Section 3: Exploration, trade and interaction in East Asia and South-East Asia (1405–1700)

5. Evaluate the impact of European settlements on the indigenous peoples of the region.

Candidates are required to make an appraisal of the impact of European settlements on the indigenous peoples in the region. There may be different approaches to this question and an appraisal could be achieved by considering the changing nature of the impact over time. There may be consideration of positive and negative effects of the settlements, or of whether social, economic or political effects were greater. European settlements could include those of the Spanish, Portuguese, French, Dutch and British and candidates may choose to focus on one in depth or have a broader discussion of several. The social impact may be considered to have encompassed the impact of missionaries on society and the impact on education, language and culture. Economic effects may include the issue of international trade and exploitation of resources. Political effects could refer to rebellions and the demise of local leaders.

6. Discuss the motives for, and impact of, Japan “turning in”.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the motives for, and impact of, Japan “turning in”. Motives for this may include a growing fear of the religious influence of Spanish and Portuguese missionaries and the growing number of Catholic converts in Japan. Fear of colonisation and exploitation of Japan’s natural resources by European settlers may also be considered. The decision to “turn in” may have been made to ensure peace for Japan and thereby secure the political status of the bakufu. Candidates are also required to discuss the effects of Japan’s “turning in” and these may include the implementation of the alternate attendance, the political and economic strengthening of the bakufu, peace and the weakening of the samurai. Candidates may also suggest that Japan was not fully isolated and did maintain some links with the outside world through Dutch Learning.

Section 4: The rise and fall of the Mughal Empire (1526–1712)

7. “Lack of centralized political control was the most important reason for the rise of Mughal power in India.” Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the merits of the statement. Links must be made between the suggested factors and the way they contributed to the rise of Mughal power. In support of the statement candidates may consider the fact that Lodi power was declining, that there were many defectors, the Rajput confederacy was unable to unite and that Daulat Khan, the governor of Lahore, had invited Babur to save him from Ibrahim Lodi. Consideration of other factors may include Babur’s military might and careful planning, his heavy guns and cannons and his superior Turkish-style artillery. His leadership and oratorical skills as well as his final defeat of the Afghan and Bengali forces raised by Mahmud Lodi may also be referenced.

8. Discuss the social, cultural and economic achievements of the Mughal Empire in India.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the social, cultural and economic achievements of the Mughal Empire in India. For social achievements, they may discuss the social harmony of various ethnic and religious groups under Akbar. However, candidates may note that under his successors, riots and revolts occurred. The Hindu-Muslim symbiotic relationship may also be considered. Cultural developments were numerous in art, architecture, literature and painting although there was evidence of instances of destruction of art and architecture. The Sufi and Bhakti movements also developed during this time along with the development of the Urdu language. New types of cuisine arose and these became popular among diverse groups in society. For economic achievements, there may be a discussion of the trading system, commerce, agriculture and taxation that was introduced and developed by the Mughals.

Section 5: Colonialism and the development of nationalism in South-East Asia (c1750–1914)

9. “The Dutch colonial system had a damaging impact on the Indonesian economy.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the argument that the Dutch colonial system had a damaging impact on the Indonesian economy. In support of the statement, candidates may consider the imposition of monopolies on the most valuable spices, which resulted in the flight of capital to the Netherlands. They may also consider the impact of burdensome taxes—such as the land tax, on top of continuing tribute to indigenous rulers—and the Coolie Ordinance. Beneficial effects, such as increased demand for Indonesian products, and, in the 19th century, the abolition of the Cultivation System and the introduction of the Agrarian Law, which promoted landholding by Indonesians, will also be addressed. There were significant improvements to infrastructure and the labour market.

10. Evaluate the significance of Aguinaldo on the development of nationalism in the Philippines.

Candidates are required to make an appraisal of the significance of Aguinaldo on the development of nationalism in the Philippines. Candidates may evaluate Aguinaldo’s military record, from his early successes in Cavite province to his later, mixed record against both the Spaniards and the Americans. There may be an appraisal of his relationship with other leaders, such as Bonifacio, who was executed with Aguinaldo’s approval, or with Filipino elites. His role in promoting the first Filipino constitution may also be considered. Candidates may evaluate his relations with the US, especially during and after his capture in the Philippine-American War. They may also refer to Aguinaldo’s role in achieving a limited degree of Filipino self-government at the end of the period and other factors, such as the roles of Rival and Bonifacio, and resentment of Spanish and American rule in the development of Filipino nationalism.

Section 6: India, Afghanistan and Burma (1750–1919)

11. “Military success was the most important factor in the expansion of the British East India Company’s power.” Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of military success as the most important factor in the expansion of the British East India Company’s power up to 1857. Candidates may discuss battles between the British East India Company and the French in southern India, the Battle of Plassey against the Nawab of Bengal and the Battle of Buxar against the Mughals. They may also discuss the Anglo-Maratha, the Anglo-Mysore and the Anglo-Sikh wars. Candidates may consider the importance of other factors such as the use of diplomacy by the Company as a method of expansion through the Native Cover principle, the Subsidiary Alliance and the Doctrine of Lapse. Social and cultural policies of the Company, the absence of unified local opposition and the role of missionaries as a means to expand power may also be discussed.

12. Discuss the economic **and** social effects of the British colonial system in Burma up to 1919.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the economic, social and cultural effects of the British colonial system in Burma up to 1919. Economic effects may include the transition from agrarian self-sufficiency to reliance on foreign trade, the introduction of railways and steamboats and the consequences for Burmese dispossessed farmers of the arrival of Indian labourers in Burma. For social effects, candidates may discuss new hierarchies that arose with the creation of an Anglo-Burmese group due to intermarriage between the British and the Burmese. Social disintegration also took place with the separation of the sangha and the state. With the end of monarchy there was no more royal patronage for Buddhist monks. Missionaries brought Christianity to Burma and started schools. Candidates may consider the groups that benefited or suffered from these effects.

Section 7: Challenges to traditional East Asian societies (1700–1868)

- 13.** Discuss the successes and failures of Emperor Qianlong’s rule.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the successes and failures of Emperor Qianlong’s rule. They may discuss the string of military successes at the beginning of his rule that, for example, enabled the formation of the “New Territory” of Xinjiang, while pointing out that the latter years of his rule were militarily less successful. There may be discussion of Qianlong’s patronage of the arts, including his huge collection of paintings, calligraphy, porcelain and cloisonnerie, which promoted a flowering of Chinese culture, despite large-scale censorship. The increasing elitism that characterized his government in later years, and the corruption centred on the youthful favourite Heshen, may be considered failures as may the widespread revolts that, although defeated, symbolized discontent with imperial rule.

- 14.** To what extent were the British responsible for the outbreak of the First Opium War?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the argument that the British were responsible for the outbreak of the First Opium War. In support of the argument, candidates may point out that the British were motivated entirely by economic self-interest, as the opium trade helped to correct the imbalance of their trade with China. Furthermore, the British refused to abide by Chinese law, objecting to the seizure of illicit opium, and preventing the Chinese from enforcing laws in their territorial waters. Candidates will consider other factors, for example Chinese responsibility, addressing their refusal to establish cordial relations with foreign powers and their previous toleration of the opium trade. Candidates may also consider that the Chinese were motivated by self-interest, as the opium trade was, by 1841, draining silver supplies, which was damaging to the Chinese economy.

Section 8: British colonialism and emerging national identities in Oceania (1788–1919)

15. To what extent were the Selection Acts important to the establishment of early colonial settlements in Australia?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the suggestion that the Selection Acts were important to the establishment of early colonial settlements in Australia. In support of the argument candidates may consider the ways in which the Selection Acts increased land ownership and resulted in millions of acres of land being purchased and cultivated. However, candidates may also argue that the Selection Acts were rather limited and only directly benefited a few hundred settlers. The wider impact of the Selection Acts may be discussed, this could include the development of towns, industries and railways and the use of more modernized farming methods. Candidates may challenge the argument by discussing other factors that were important to the establishment of early settlements including immigration, land distribution, squatting and the gold rushes.

16. Discuss the social and economic impact of the First World War on **either** Australia **or** New Zealand.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the social and economic impact of the First World War on either Australia or New Zealand. For social impact in Australia, candidates may discuss the changing role of women, the problems dealing with returning soldiers and the development of a sense of national identity separate from the UK. Economic impact may include the disruption to trade, the development of Australian domestic industry focused on the war effort and the rise of trade unions. For New Zealand, candidates may discuss the social developments of nationhood and national identity as well as the changing role of women. Economically New Zealand experienced limited impact although it did develop a more war-focused economy.

Section 9: Early modernization and imperial decline in East Asia (1860–1912)

17. To what extent did resentment of foreign influence cause the Boxer Rebellion (1900–1901)?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the suggestion that resentment of foreign influence caused the Boxer Rebellion. Candidates may agree, partly agree or disagree with the suggestion. In support, candidates may consider the role of the Unequal Treaties, resentment of the tactics of Christian missionaries and the blaming of foreigners for natural disasters such as the Yangtze floods and the 1900 drought. Candidates may comment on examples of protests against foreigners, such as attacks on foreign diplomats and missionaries. The Manchus may be regarded as examples of foreign influence. Candidates may consider the importance of other factors, such as tensions at court over the adoption of the Guangxu reforms, the role of the Empress Dowager, the perceived disturbing effects of new technology such as railways and telegraph wires, and the patronage of the Boxers by some court factions.

18. “The impact of social and cultural change in Meiji Japan was extensive.” Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the extent of social and cultural change in Meiji Japan. Extensive social change came with the loss of feudal domains, merit-based recruitment into government positions and the expropriation of the samurai. Cultural changes may include discussion of developments in travel, dress, hairstyle and occupations. Candidates may consider the extent of educational change following the Iwakura Mission, for example the expansion of female education and the Imperial Rescript on Education. Nevertheless, there were limitations to the extent of change and many Japanese remained resistant to Western values. Traditional roles and values remained important and many of the changes had limited impact in rural areas. Candidates may also argue that Japan’s social structure remained largely intact as the samurai and nobility still held considerable influence.

Section 10: Nationalism and independence in India (1919–1964)

19. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Non-Cooperation **and** Civil Disobedience movements in furthering the cause of Indian independence.

Candidates are required to make an appraisal of the effectiveness of the Non-Cooperation and Civil disobedience movements in furthering the cause of Indian independence. Non-Cooperation may include the Champaran satyagraha, the Moplah rebellion and Chauri Chaura. Discussion may include reference to the legitimacy, mass participation and non-violent nature of the activities in the 1920s. Candidates may suggest the movements had limitations; for example, big business did not support the economic boycotts and strikes. Candidates may question the withdrawal of non-cooperation in 1921 due to violence. Civil disobedience may be deemed to include responses to the Simon commission, the salt satyagraha, boycott of foreign goods and the no tax campaigns. British Government repression and non-support by Muslims may be considered in evaluating the effectiveness of the movements. The effectiveness of both movements may be discussed, although there may not be equal coverage of both.

20. To what extent was Jinnah responsible for the partition of India in 1947?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the suggestion that Jinnah was responsible for the partition of India. They are required to gauge the extent of Jinnah's role in the partition and, in support of their argument, they may include his mobilization of the Muslim masses, formulation of the two-nation theory, the Day of Deliverance announcement, the Lahore Resolution, Direct Action Day and the acceptance of the cabinet Mission Plan. Candidates will consider the importance of other factors that led to partition, for example, the British policy of divide and rule, the failure of the Congress as a national organization to placate all sections of society, Gandhi's use of Hindu terms, which may have alienated the Muslims, and the role of other Muslim leaders such as Iqbal and Rahmat Ali. They may also consider the rise of Hindu communalism as a factor.

Section 11: Japan (1912–1990)

21. “The increasing influence of the army in the 1920s and 1930s undermined democracy in Japan.” Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of how the increasing influence of the army undermined democracy in Japan. In support of the argument candidates may discuss the increasing nationalist nature of the army. The assassinations of politicians throughout the 1920s and 1930s may be discussed as well as the February 26 Incident, when a group of army officers led a violent coup against the government. Candidates may also discuss events in Manchuria as an example of the army acting without the authority of the government, but the response should be focused on events mainly within Japan. Candidates may argue that other factors had a greater or equal influence on undermining democracy. These could include social and economic problems, the Great Depression and the wider international context. Candidates may argue that democracy in Japan was never likely to succeed and that the military was held in higher regard than politicians by many Japanese.

22. Discuss the reasons, up to 1990, for Japan’s “economic miracle”.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the reasons why Japan experienced an “economic miracle” up to 1990. Candidates may provide balance by discussing which of these reasons were the most important. Reasons given by candidates may include US Occupation, major US investment and the important role Japan played during the Korean War. The creation of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) was also an important reason for Japan’s economic growth. Government investment, particularly throughout the 1960s, in infrastructure and the communications and technology industries may also be discussed. The export trade was also significantly developed throughout the 1960s and the 1970s. Candidates, may argue that the disciplined and determined nature of Japanese society also contributed towards their “economic miracle”. Candidates may focus solely on the period up to 1973 or may extend their discussion up to 1990, either of these approaches is valid.

Section 12: China and Korea (1910–1950)

- 23.** Evaluate the contribution of the Treaty of Versailles (1919) to the rise of national identity in China.

Candidates are required to make an appraisal of the contribution of the Treaty of Versailles (1919) to the rise of national identity in China. In appraising its contribution, candidates may highlight Chinese reaction to Japanese retention of German possessions in Shandong, in violation of the principle of self-determination that had been endorsed in Wilson's Fourteen Points. The Chinese refused to sign the treaty, which was seen as another unequal treaty forced on them by foreign powers further stimulating nationalism. There may be an appraisal of the role of the May Fourth Movement, a direct reaction to the humiliation of Versailles, which called for equality with foreign powers, a remodelling of national institutions and the abandonment of Confucianism. Candidates may argue that other factors also led to increased nationalism including the impact of Japan's 21 Demands, the New Culture Movement, and the leadership of Sun Yixian.

- 24.** To what extent did the mistakes of the Nationalists lead to their defeat in the Chinese Civil War (1946–1949)?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the mistakes of the Nationalists led to their defeat in the Chinese Civil War (1946–49). Nationalist mistakes for consideration may include: the over-extension of their forces into Manchuria and Yan'an; their failure to cultivate the support of the peasantry and the mismanagement of the economy leading to hyperinflation. The poor quality of military and political leadership of the Guomindang led to widespread desertion and low morale. To assess the extent to which Nationalist mistakes led to their defeat, candidates may consider alternative factors including the leadership, popular policies and tactics of the Communists. Candidates may also argue that foreign influence and the experiences from the Sino-Japanese War played a role in the outcome of the Civil War.

Section 13: Impact of the world wars on South-East Asia

25. With reference to the period from 1940 to 1945, compare and contrast the activities of independence movements in the Dutch East Indies with those in Indochina (Vietnam).

Candidates are required to give an account of similarities and differences between the activities of independence movements in the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia) with those of Indochina (Vietnam) from 1940 to 1945 referring to both throughout. Comparisons may include reaction to the occupation by the Japanese. Both regions saw the Japanese invasion as an opportunity to build a new nationalist force: Ho Chi Minh founded the Viet Minh, and both Sukarno and Hatta cooperated with the Japanese. Another factor may be the resistance of the local population to the return of European colonists following the defeat of Japan. For contrasts, Vichy France supported the Japanese in Indochina whereas the Dutch government never supported Japanese rule in Indonesia. Some Indonesians (Sjarifuddin, the Acehnese Ulama) were loyal to the Dutch and did not collaborate with the Japanese whereas the Vietnamese did not collaborate with either the Japanese or Vichy France. Discussion of Indo-China may be limited to Vietnam or may also include Cambodia and/or Laos and either of these approaches is valid.

26. Discuss the effects of the First and the Second World War on **one** country in South-East Asia (excluding Vietnam/Indochina, Dutch East Indies/Indonesia and Malaya).

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review that includes a range of arguments on the effects of both the First and the Second World Wars on one country in South-East Asia excluding Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaya. While the effects of both wars must be referred to, there may be some imbalance in the extent of the discussion between the two. There could be different approaches as candidates may choose to comment on the long- and short-term effects, or the political, social, economic and international effects. As an example, they may comment on the political changes/actions of the government, defence and military policies and the rise of nationalism. Social effects may include gender issues, women's rights, education, health care and the effect on minorities. The economic impact on agriculture, industry, commerce and changes in the traditional structure may be commented upon.

Section 14: The People's Republic of China (1949–2005)

- 27.** Discuss the reasons for, and consequences of, the changing nature of Sino-American relations.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the reasons for, and consequences of, the changing nature of Sino-American relations. The response may be focused on the years from 1949 to 2005 or may focus on the years of Mao (1949–1976). Either approach is valid. Candidates may also refer to the period before 1949 to explain the context of Sino-American relations. Examples of reasons for changing relations may include the Korean War, Taiwan, the Sino-Soviet split, the Vietnam War, Ping-Pong Diplomacy and the need for international trade. Consequences of this change in relations may include a discussion of Nixon's visit or the official recognition of the People's Republic of China by the UN. Post Mao, candidates may consider how the US and China have been cooperating more closely on trade and other issues; however, candidates may argue that relations had not changed extensively and that tensions still existed.

- 28.** To what extent was Deng Xiaoping a political and economic reformer in the years 1976 to 1997?

Candidates are required to consider the merits or otherwise of the argument that Deng was a political and economic reformer. Candidates may agree, partly agree or disagree on the extent to which Deng was a reformer. Candidates may argue he was an economic reformer but that politically his regime was oppressive. Evidence to support the argument that he was an economic reformer could include the Four Modernizations, the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the opening up of China to international trade. Whether he was a political reformer is more debatable. Evidence to support the statement that Deng was a political reformer may include examples of how he rehabilitated victims of the Anti-Rightist Campaigns or how he initially supported the Democracy Wall. Examples to support the argument that he was not a political reformer may focus on the generally oppressive nature of the regime and the events in Tiananmen Square (1989).

Section 15: Cold War conflicts in Asia

29. “The outcome of the Vietnam War had only negative economic and political effects on Vietnam.” Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the political and economic effects of the outcome of the Vietnam War, focusing entirely on the period after the war ended. A review of political effects may include the reunification of Vietnam under national leadership for the first time since 1861, and the enforcement of Soviet-style communism in the South through security measures such as identity cards and the identification and punishment of collaborators. The teaching profession was purged, textbooks seized and a Marxist–Leninist curriculum introduced. Vietnam became a more significant power in the region as shown by their defeat of China in 1979. A review of economic policies may focus on the attack on the economically productive Chinese community and the creation of a national centrally-planned economy supported by Soviet subsidies, which failed to prevent famines and falling living standards.

30. Discuss the reasons for the rise and fall of Pol Pot.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the reasons for the rise and fall of Pol Pot, reviewing factors such as the instability of the regime of Sihanouk. This saw a succession of weak governments that failed to address economic stagnation and the impact of the Vietnam War, in particular the US bombing campaign in Cambodia. Pol Pot exploited these issues by securing Chinese support and employing effective political tactics, such as the forceful relocation of the urban population. He also projected himself as the kindly protector of peasant interests. The discussion of reasons for his fall may focus on the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia, which resulted in Pol Pot fleeing to the north and the comprehensive defeat of the Khmer Rouge. Candidates may also discuss Pol Pot’s lack of visibility once in power, the failures of his policies and the factional disputes within the Khmer Rouge.

Section 16: Developments and challenges in South Asia after 1947

- 31.** Evaluate the foreign policy of Jawaharlal Nehru between 1947 and 1964.

Candidates are required to make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations of Nehru's foreign policy from 1947 to 1964. Candidates may consider the motives, philosophy and impact of the non-alignment policy. The strengths and limitations of India's participation in the Bandung Conference, the Asian relations conference, membership of the Commonwealth along with the annexation of Goa may be appraised. India's relationship with both the US and the USSR along with the first Indo-Pakistan war, the issue of Kashmir, the relationship with China, the Pancha Shila treaty, the offer of protection to the Dalai Lama and the War with China in 1962 may also be evaluated. Although candidates are required to refer to both strengths and limitations of Nehru's foreign policy, there may be an imbalance between the two.

- 32.** Discuss the political challenges facing Pakistan between 1947 and 1971.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the political challenges facing Pakistan between 1947 and 1971. In their approach, candidates may discuss internal and external challenges or focus on one aspect in depth. Areas of discussion may include Pakistan's relationship with India and the geographical and ethnic divide with East Pakistan. Examples could include the refugee crisis, the issue of Kashmir and the three Indo-Pakistan wars. Following Jinnah's death Pakistan faced the challenge of maintaining a democratic state and candidates may discuss the assassination of Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan and military rule under General Ayub Khan and General Yahya Khan. Corruption, instability and the rise of fundamentalism and violence may also be discussed. Friction between East and West Pakistan due to unfair political treatment of East Pakistan was a significant political challenge that led to the creation of Bangladesh.

Section 17: Developments in Oceania after the Second World War (1945–2005)

- 33.** “The policies of the Hawke/Keating government had a positive impact on Australian society.”
Discuss.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the impact of the policies of the Hawke/Keating government on Australian society. Candidates may agree, partly agree or disagree with the statement. There may be different approaches to this question for example, candidates may discuss the positive and negative impacts on different social groups or they may discuss whether social, economic or political impacts were greater. Examples of economic policies may include an increase in wages and pensions, providing income support and the reduction of child poverty. Social developments may focus on the gains made by women following the Equal Opportunities Act, the establishment of a Child Support Agency and a range of programmes to help the most vulnerable in Australian society including the homeless, aboriginals, the elderly and refugees. Candidates may argue that although these policies aimed to improve Australian society they did not fully resolve all social issues.

- 34.** Discuss the reasons for, and results of, the emergence of independence in Pacific Island states.

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the reasons for, and results of the emergence of independent Pacific Island states. There may be very different approaches to this question as candidates may choose to discuss one in depth or a broader discussion of two or more, either of these approaches is valid. Pacific Island states chosen could include Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Samoa although any Pacific Island states are valid. The reasons for the emergence of independent island states may include a discussion of the impact of the Second World War, the role of the United Nations, events in Australia and New Zealand and the growth of nationalist movements on the islands. The results of these states gaining independence may include a discussion of the establishment of democratic parliamentary government and constitutions, international relations, political instability and the development of a strong national identity and culture.

Section 18: Social, cultural and economic developments in Asia (excluding China, Japan and India) (1980–2005)

35. “The tourism industry has had a significant social impact but a limited economic impact.” Discuss with reference to **two** Asian countries (excluding China, Japan and India).

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the statement. Candidates may agree, partly agree or disagree with the statement. They are required to refer to both the social and economic impact on two countries though there might be some imbalance between the two. Social impacts may include the impact on social structures and communities, the proliferation of hotels at the cost of housing provision, migration, new ideologies, language, fashion, education, ecological degradation, rise of crimes such as drinking, gambling, prostitution, and child sex exploitation. Economic impacts may include the impact on traditional jobs, local handicrafts, balance of trade, import of products needed by tourists versus basic consumer goods, change in the balance of trade and tax structures and governmental budgets allocated to tourism at the cost of education and basic healthcare.

36. Discuss the changes in social structures in **two** Asian countries (excluding China, Japan and India).

Candidates are required to offer a considered and balanced review of the changes in social structures in two applicable countries. Examples must focus on the period between 1980 and 2005 although they need not span the whole timeframe. While candidates are required to refer to changes in two countries, there may be some imbalance between the two. There may be discussion of gender issues and women’s rights, primary and higher education, urban versus rural issues, the move to cities with its accompanying impact on family life, the growth of the middle class and its impact on ideology and society. The impact of technology on society and change in traditional roles and healthcare may also be discussed. Although some candidates may choose to use a comparative approach, this is not a requirement.
