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## History

### Higher level and standard level

### Paper 2

Wednesday 4 November 2020 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

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#### 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: Africa and the Middle East, the Americas, Asia and Oceania, and Europe.

**Topic 1: Society and economy (750–1400)**

1. Evaluate the impact of developments in science and technology on **one** society.
2. Examine the reasons for disputes between rulers and religious leaders in **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.

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

3. “The mobilization of human and economic resources was the most important factor in determining the outcome of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
4. Examine the short-term **and** long-term political consequences of **one** war.

**Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)**

5. Examine the effects of religious and secular law on the governing institutions of **one** state.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region, in resolving issues of succession.

**Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)**

7. Discuss the impact of social **and** economic change on **either** minority **or** indigenous peoples in **one** society.
8. Evaluate the impact of cross-cultural exchange on **two** societies in transition.

**Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)**

9. Discuss the economic reasons for expansion by **two** Early Modern states, each chosen from a different region.
10. “Resistance and rebellion had a significant impact on colonial rule.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

11. Evaluate the significance of religion as a cause of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
12. “Land strategies were more important than sea strategies in determining the outcome of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

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

13. Evaluate the significance of individuals to the origins of industrialization in **two** countries.
14. Examine the impact of developments in transportation on the industrialization of **two** countries.

**Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)**

15. Discuss the importance of social **and** economic factors in the rise of **one** independence movement, up to the point of independence.
16. Discuss the effectiveness of responses to political problems during the first ten years of independence in **two** states, each chosen from a different region.

**Topic 9: Emergence and development of democratic states (1848–2000)**

17. Evaluate the success of suffrage movements in extending democracy in **two** states.
18. To what extent were education and social welfare policies successful in achieving their aims in **one** democratic state?

**Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)**

19. Compare and contrast the use of force in the maintenance of power in **two** authoritarian states.
20. “Authoritarian states had total control over the population.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Turn over**

**Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars**

21. “Territorial disputes were the main cause of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
  
22. Discuss the impact of the mobilization of human and economic resources on the outcome of **two** wars.

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

23. To what extent was the arms race the most important reason for the end of the Cold War (1980–1991)?
  
  24. Examine the economic impact of the Cold War on **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
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