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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

Thursday 5 November 2020 (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. Compare and contrast the political organization of **one** non-sedentary and **one** semi-sedentary society.
2. Examine the nature of landholding in **two** indigenous societies.

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

3. “For Europeans in the Americas, the acquisition of gold and silver was more significant than acquiring land.” Discuss.
4. Examine the impact of conquest in the Americas on indigenous women.

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

5. Evaluate the rule of the Braganza in Portuguese America.
6. Evaluate the impact of mercantilism on **one** colonial government in the New World.

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

7. Evaluate the political impact of the Catholic Church in Spanish America.
8. Examine the role of the Jesuits and the Recollects in New France.

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

9. Discuss the reasons for, and origins of, slavery in the New World.
10. “Slavery had a limited economic impact in the New World.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. “The main reason for the Monroe Doctrine was to maintain Latin American Independence.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. “The economic cost of the wars of independence had a significant impact on society.” Discuss with reference to **two** societies.

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

13. To what extent did the United States Constitution of 1787 resolve the limitations of the Articles of Confederation?
14. To what extent did **one** Latin American country overcome challenges to the establishment of a political system?

Section 8: US Civil War: causes, course and effects (1840–1877)

15. “Political leaders were more significant than military leaders during the Civil War.” Discuss.
16. Examine the importance of African Americans to the Union victory in the Civil War.

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

17. Discuss the causes of internal migration in **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Evaluate the impact of “indigenismo” in **two** countries of the Americas.

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

19. Compare and contrast the impact of the Big Stick policy with that of Dollar Diplomacy.
20. “German aggression was the most important reason for US entry into the First World War.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. Examine the challenges faced by Obregón and Calles between 1920 and 1940.
22. Evaluate the impact of the Mexican Revolution on women.

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

23. “Critics of the New Deal had limited impact.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
24. “Import substitution industrialization (ISI) was successful in dealing with the problems of the Great Depression.” Discuss with reference to **one** Latin American country.

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

25. To what extent did the United States follow its policy of neutrality prior to entering the Second World War?
26. Discuss the reasons for, and significance of, US use of atomic weapons against Japan.

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

27. “Social unrest was the most significant reason for the failure of elected leaders in Latin America.” Discuss.
28. Evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment of opposition by **one** military dictator in Latin America.

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

29. Evaluate the impact of the domestic policies of Eisenhower.
30. To what extent was there social and political change under Pearson and Trudeau?

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

31. Compare and contrast the policies of Kennedy and Johnson regarding US involvement in Vietnam.
32. “President Carter’s foreign policy improved US relations with Latin America.” Discuss.

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

33. “Civil rights for indigenous peoples significantly improved after 1945.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
34. Discuss the reasons for, and the impact of, youth protests in the 1960s and 1970s in **one** country of the Americas.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. Evaluate the impact of Reagan’s foreign policy in the Americas.
 36. “Achieving justice and reconciliation has been the greatest challenge faced by new democracies in Latin America.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries.
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