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and the Middle East**

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Marks	Level descriptor
13–15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Knowledge is detailed, accurate and relevant. Events are placed in their historical context, and there is a clear understanding of historical concepts.</li> <li>• Examples used are appropriate and relevant, and are used effectively to support the analysis/evaluation.</li> <li>• Arguments are clear and coherent. There is evaluation of different perspectives, and this evaluation is integrated effectively into the answer.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
10–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Arguments are mainly clear and coherent. There is some awareness and evaluation of different perspectives.</li> <li>• The response contains critical analysis. Most of the main points are substantiated, and the response argues to a consistent conclusion.</li> </ul>
7–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Knowledge is mostly accurate and relevant. Events are generally placed in their historical context. Examples used are appropriate and relevant.</li> <li>• The response moves beyond description to include some analysis or critical commentary, but this is not sustained.</li> </ul>
4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• There is some limited analysis, but the response is primarily narrative/descriptive in nature, rather than analytical.</li> </ul>
1–3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Little knowledge is present. Where specific examples are referred to, they are factually incorrect, irrelevant or vague.</li> <li>• The response contains little or no critical analysis. It may consist mostly of generalizations and poorly substantiated assertions.</li> </ul>
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response does not reach a standard described by the descriptors above.</li> </ul>

**Section 1: The ‘Abbasid dynasty (750–1258)**

1. Evaluate the consequences of the shift of power from Syria to Iraq.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the consequences of the shift of power from Syria to Iraq, weighing up its importance or limitations. Candidates may refer to the shift of the capital from Damascus to Baghdad which symbolized a new cultural centre closer to Iranian civilization. There was an increase in Sassanid/Iranian influence in the government; Sassanid models were used for ceremonials and administrative structures. A standing army on the Iranian model was formed to replace traditional tribal levies. These developments served to diminish Arab influence in government and the capital. The location of Baghdad at the Tigris and Euphrates rivers increased trade and trade routes throughout the empire and made it a meeting point for scholars from East and West, which contributed to the development of the Golden Age of Islam. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as the continuation of Umayyad autocracy and relations with the Byzantine Empire but with a focus on the issue raised in the question. Candidates’ opinions and conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

2. “The size of the ‘Abbasid Empire was the main reason for its decline.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the size of the ‘Abbasid Empire was the main reason for its decline. Causes may predate the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the difficulty of communication and controlling local factions over a wide area. The numerous ethnic and cultural groups made unity difficult and led to groups seeking more independence such as the Fatimids. Defence was difficult and costly due to the large number of external enemies. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as dynastic struggles and financial mismanagement which weakened the central government and encouraged factionalism. Religious divisions and disputes caused internal conflict and weakened the central government. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions must be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 2: The Fatimids (909–1171)**

3. “The Fatimids had little impact on the Muslim world.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the Fatimids had little impact on the Muslim world. Causes and results may predate or extend beyond the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the hostility of many Muslims to the Ismaili interpretation of Islam. Failure to establish a claim to the caliphate showed weakness. The Fatimid regime was overthrown by the Sunni majority in 1171. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, their enormous economic influence and extension of trade routes, and the expansion of Muslim presence in the Indian Ocean, Asia and Africa. Their creation of institutions of scholarship and higher learning increased Muslim intellectual development. Cultural initiatives in architecture and ceramics also had considerable influence. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

4. “The policy of religious toleration was responsible for the strength of the Fatimid Empire.” Discuss.

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the statement that the policy of religious toleration was responsible for the strength of the Fatimid Empire. Candidates may refer to Fatimid religious relations with Muslims and non-Muslims which eliminated conflict within the empire. Fatimid leaders recruited the most able officials regardless of religion. Fatimid policies encouraged economic development through inter-action with non-Muslims and attracted non-Muslim merchants and manufacturers. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, Fatimid strength was based on their powerful army, their opponents were weak which allowed them to expand. Their economic development increased their financial strength, supported the army and spread their influence. Their strategic location in Egypt was a major advantage. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 3: The Crusades (1095–1291)**

5. Evaluate the importance of leadership in determining the outcome of the Third Crusade (1189–1192).

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the reasons for the outcome of the Third Crusade (1189–1192), weighing up the strengths and limitations or otherwise of leadership as the determining factor. Candidates may refer to the skills and influence of Saladin as a strategist and inspirational leader and Richard I as a skilled military leader. The death of Frederick Barbarossa and the departure of Phillip II limited Western strength and co-operation. Strategic disputes amongst the Christian leaders were also a cause of weakness. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, increased Muslim unity and strength; lack of support from Europe for the Crusade; poor relations with the Byzantine Empire; weakness and divisions in the Crusader states and the difficult physical environment. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

6. "The Crusades had a negative impact on the Middle East." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the Crusades had a negative impact on the Middle East. Results may extend beyond the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the loss of territory and the physical and human loss caused by centuries of warfare. The political and territorial divisions within the Muslim world created by the Crusades which added to the destruction and hardship may be referred to. The Crusades weakened the 'Abbasid dynasty making it more vulnerable to the Mongol invasion. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, increased unity and power in the Muslim world, the emergence of powerful leaders, expanded commercial ties with Europe increased wealth, the Byzantine Empire was weakened by the West which aided the expansion of Muslim power. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 4: The Ottomans (1281–1566)**

7. Evaluate the reasons for Ottoman success in their struggle with the Safavids.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the reasons for Ottoman success in their struggle with the Safavids, weighing up the strengths of the Ottomans and the limitations or otherwise of the Safavids. Candidates may refer to the leadership of the Ottoman Sultan Selim I, who was ruthless in his opposition to the Safavids. The Ottoman army was much larger, better equipped and better trained than the Safavid army; which allowed them to win key battles and occupy the Safavid capital. The Ottomans made alliances with enemies of the Safavids. The Ottoman Empire controlled sea routes and territories enabling them to limit Safavid expansion. The continuous expansion of the Ottoman Empire gave them the power to dominate the Safavids throughout the period. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by relevant evidence.

8. "The capture of Constantinople transformed the Ottoman state." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the capture of Constantinople transformed the Ottoman state. Consequences may extend beyond the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the great expansion of Ottoman commercial and strategic interests in the Mediterranean. The Ottoman Empire became a new cultural and intellectual centre attracting artists and scholars. The removal of the last Christian state in the Middle East enabled the Ottomans to expand into the Middle East. Ottoman power was recognized in Europe and the Ottomans became part of the European treaty system; many Europeans came to study at Ottoman institutions. The position of the Sultan was strengthened as he now had a permanent capital. Candidates' opinions and conclusions will be clearly presented and supported by relevant content.

**Section 5: Trade and the rise and decline of African states and empires (800–1600)**

9. To what extent was the Almoravid jihad responsible for the fall of the Ghana Empire?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the Almoravid jihad was responsible for the fall of the Ghana Empire. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the role of the Almoravid jihad of 1076–1077 on the fall of the Ghana Empire and other factors, or they may prioritize their assessment of one over the other. However, both aspects will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to the Almoravid jihad weakening the Empire by cutting off trade routes; the capture of major trading cities such as Audaghost in 1054; the jihad interfering with Ghana's control of the nomads, thus weakening their political position. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as overgrazing and the loss of its natural resources. Candidates may refer to the destruction of what was left of Ghana by Sundiata, who then incorporated it into Mali. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

10. Discuss the importance of the Indian Ocean trade in the rise and growth of the Swahili city states.

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the view that the Indian Ocean trade played an important role in the rise and growth of the Swahili city states. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the Indian Ocean trade and other factors or they may prioritize their discussion of one over the other. However, both aspects will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to the Indian Ocean trade causing the emergence of markets some of which developed into city states such as Mogadishu, Lamu, Malindi, Zanzibar, Kilwa, Mozambique and Sofala, as a result of the expansion in trade and the wealth amassed. They may refer to the role played by the Sultan in encouraging trade and agriculture in the area, and the role of the Indian traders in the development of the city states such as Zanzibar. Other relevant factors may be addressed, such as the existence of great leaders and availability of trade resources, migration of Bantu people and the existence of natural harbours. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.



## Section 6: Pre-colonial African states (1800–1900)

11. “Trade played the most important role in the rise of the Niger Delta trading states.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that trade played the most important role in the rise of the Niger Delta trading states. Reasons may predate the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the strategic location of the states, which enabled them to control trading ports especially those used in the palm oil trade. The importance of the slave trade and slavery may also be referred to. Other relevant factors may be addressed, such as social mobility in the states, which helped in the maintenance of unity among the Niger Delta states and the rise of leaders such as Jaja of Opobo and Nana of Itsekiri. The important role of middlemen may also be discussed. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

12. Examine the importance of leadership to the rise of **two** of the following: the Mandinka empire under Samori Toure; the Lozi kingdom under Lewanika; the Ndebele kingdom under Mzilikazi and Lobengula; the Asante empire under Osei Tutu; the Nyamwezi under Mirambo; the Hehe state under Mkwawa.

The question requires that candidates consider the interrelationship between the importance of leadership in the rise of any two chosen states/empires. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the two leaders or they may prioritize their evaluation of one over the other. However, both leaders will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to personal qualities of the leaders such as good organisation; their ability to control trade and the economy in general; their ability to establish good relationships within their kingdoms and also with neighbouring communities. Other relevant factors that may be addressed would include their political and economic organisation such as the setting up of centralized systems of government and emphasis on trade respectively. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

### **Section 7: The slave trade in Africa and the Middle East (1500–1900)**

13. “The most important impact of the slave trade in Africa was economic.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the most important impact of the slave trade in Africa was economic. Candidates may refer to economic impacts such as the emergence of wealthy traders such as Tippu Tip, who economically benefitted from the trade; the development of wealthy city states, which were trade centres for the slave trade; and the devastation of traditional economic activities, thus leading to underdevelopment. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as the slave trade leading to both the destruction of kingdoms and groups such as the Bari of Sudan; depopulation; heightened tensions with communities such as the Chagga of Tanganyika; the collaboration of some groups that led to negative social impacts. Candidates may also refer to how able-bodied men from Sudan were exported as slaves to Egypt and Arabia where some worked in plantations. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

14. Evaluate the role of colonial expansion in the decline of the East African slave trade in the 19th century.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the role of colonial expansion in the decline of the East African slave trade in the 19th century. Candidates may refer to how the British supported the Sultan in inviting the Indian Banyan traders from India to settle in Zanzibar with the hope of ending slave trading. They may refer to the banning of the slave trade as a result of various laws passed, such as the Act of Parliament of 1807 in Britain. Both the Moresby and Hamerton treaties played an important part in ending the slave trade. By 1833, slavery was made illegal throughout the British Empire. By 1873, the British forced Sultan Barghash to bring the slave trade to an end. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as the introduction of legitimate commerce, the role of missionaries and the role of the humanitarian movement. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

### **Section 8: European imperialism and the partition of Africa (1850–1900)**

15. “African political and cultural disunity was the main reason for partition.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that African political disunity was the main reason for partition. Reasons may predate the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the role played by African political and cultural disunity and other factors, or they may prioritize their assessment of one over the other. However, both aspects will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to how the enmity between African societies, caused by their political and cultural differences, weakened their ability to join forces to fight against the colonial powers. They may also address the weak military organisation and a lack of sophisticated weapons. Candidates may consider humanitarian and economic factors among others, but these must have a focus on the issue in the question. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

16. Evaluate the impact of the Berlin West Africa Conference on the partition of Africa.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the impact of the Berlin West Africa Conference on the partition of Africa. Candidates may weigh up the effects of the Berlin Conference on individual colonial powers’ action. Candidates may evaluate how the Berlin West African Conference took away the autonomy of the African communities and set up rules on how European powers could own territories. It led to the division of Africa. Candidates may refer to the effective occupation and free navigation by the powers concerned over the Congo and Niger rivers, both of which had been areas of conflict among the colonial powers. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as the role of missionaries and collaboration by African leaders, but with a focus on the issue in the question. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 9: Response to European imperialism (1870–1920)**

17. To what extent was Cetshwayo responsible for the conquest and destruction of the Zulu kingdom?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the suggestion that Cetshwayo was responsible for the conquest and destruction of the Zulu kingdom. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the role played by Cetshwayo and other factors, or they may prioritize their assessment of one over the other. Candidates may refer to Cetshwayo's withdrawal of forces from the borders, which may have weakened their protection. His failure to satisfy the ultimatum issued by Sir Henry Bartle Frere in 1878, lead to the British attack on the Zulu in 1879. Cetshwayo's strategy may have contributed to their military defeat. Candidates may also refer to British support for the Boer claim on Zulu land, and the discovery of diamonds which contributed to British interest in destroying the Zulu kingdom. Weakness in the Zulu organisation made it difficult to organise a strong military force during the war with the British. Other relevant factors such as the military superiority of the British may be addressed. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

18. Discuss the reasons for resistance and collaboration with the colonial power in Buganda.

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the reasons why there was both resistance and collaboration to colonial power in the Buganda Kingdom. Reasons may predate the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may offer equal coverage of reasons for resistance and reasons for collaboration or they may prioritize their discussion of one over the other. However, both aspects will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to factors for resistance such as the British interference with the traditional systems such as preventing the Buganda Kabaka from receiving tribute from the Busoga. Candidates may also consider how the British taking away Kabaka Mwangwa's control over all the land in the kingdom contributed to resistance. The role played by the rivalry between the Buganda and the Bunyoro and economic benefits to be achieved from the colonial powers, can be discussed as some of the reasons for collaboration. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 10: Africa under colonialism (1890–1980)**

19. Compare and contrast German and British rule in Tanganyika to 1961.

The question requires that candidates give an account of the similarities and differences between German and British governments in terms of their rule in Tanganyika, referring to both throughout. There does not need to be an equal coverage of both. Candidates may refer to the social, economic and political aspects of the rule of both the Germans and the British in Tanganyika. Both the Germans and the British relied on plantation agriculture, which they controlled. Candidates may address how the Germans encouraged cotton plantations, leading to food shortages and resistance. Both the Germans and British used a combination of direct and indirect rule. Both used harsh methods of rule and benefited economically. The British were keen on economic development, thus by the mid-1920s they were able to help with the reconstruction of Tanganyika through dealing with the food situation. Under British rule, more hospitals were constructed and subsidies were provided for missionary-run schools. Candidates may mention that Tanganyika under the British was a mandate territory and therefore the British supported the development of the territory as it progressed towards its independence. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

20. Examine the contribution of constitutional developments to the independence of Nigeria to 1960.

The question requires that candidates consider the interrelationship between constitutional developments in Nigeria and its achievement of independence. Candidates may refer to 1914 when the Northern and Southern Protectorates were amalgamated with Lord Lugard as Governor General. They may also refer to Sir Clifford's 1922 Constitution that led to the formation of a legislative council. The effects of the Richard's Constitution of 1946 led to the creation of the National Council of Nigerian Citizens, which mobilised the Nigerians to fight for political independence. Candidates may examine how after the Second World War, a new progressive constitution gave Nigerians more representation in the National Assembly, thus taking up electoral positions. Change in constitutional development, leading to the establishment of a federal government with the creation of the position of a prime minister may also be examined. Other relevant factors such as the role of political parties and leadership may be considered, but with a focus on the issue in the question. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

## Section 11: 20th-century nationalist and independence movements in Africa

21. “The actions of the South West Africa People’s Organization (SWAPO) were the most important factor in Namibia becoming independent.” Discuss.

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the statement that the actions of SWAPO were the most important factor in Namibia becoming independent. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the role played by SWAPO and other factors, or they may prioritize their discussion of one over the other. Candidates may refer to SWAPO as a uniting factor and its establishment of the People’s Liberation of Namibia in 1966 was responsible for an insurrection. The impact of sabotage, guerrilla warfare and terrorism by SWAPO may be considered. Namibia gained independence in 1990 with Sam Nujoma as the first President. Other relevant factors may be addressed such as external pressure from the United Nations and the fact that military interventions led to economic strain on South Africa, contributing to them granting Namibia independence. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

22. To what extent were political parties responsible for the independence of Senegal in 1960?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits of the suggestion that political parties were responsible for the independence of Senegal in 1960. Candidates may refer to the activities of the Young Senegalese Party and the Senegalese Democratic Bloc in the struggle for independence. However, these parties did not generally support independence from France, but strived for greater recognition of the Senegalese as French citizens with voting rights for the French National Assembly. Leopold Senghor, the most influential political leader prior to 1960, rejected independence in 1958 in favour of federation with France. His later support for independence resulted from French failure to provide greater autonomy for Senegal within the Franco-African Federation. Candidates may consider other factors that led to independence such as French weakness after the Second World War, the conflict in Algeria, which reduced French enthusiasm for colonialism, and the recognition by France in 1960 that independence was inevitable. The influence of African leaders such as Nkrumah and Toure may also be considered. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

## Section 12: The Ottoman Empire (c1800–1923)

23. “The rise of nationalism was the main challenge to Ottoman power up to 1840.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the rise of nationalism was the main challenge to Ottoman power up to 1840. Causes may predate the time frame but must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the Greek War of Independence, which resulted in Ottoman defeat; nationalist movements in France and Russia led to annexations of Ottoman territory in Africa and Central Asia; rising nationalism in the Balkans challenged Ottoman power. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, Ottoman financial, military and government inefficiencies and internal conflicts led to loss of power. Powerful local leaders such as Mehmet Ali seized control of Egypt, which was a major loss, the Ottoman government was not able to appeal to non-Muslims and those wanting progress, who withdrew their support. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions must be presented clearly and supported by relevant evidence.

24. Evaluate the reasons for the failure of the Young Turks to reform the Ottoman Empire after 1908.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the reasons for the failure of the Young Turks’ reform movement, weighing up the strengths and limitations or otherwise of their policies. Candidates may refer to their lack of strong leadership and a clear political programme; their secular attitudes were unpopular with many Muslims; the Ottoman Empire was multicultural and no platform would satisfy all demands. They failed to satisfy the demands of various ethnic and religious groups for independence; their Turkish nationalism alienated minorities; foreign intervention caused resentment of their western, reformist ideas; the Sultan remained popular and encouraged conservative groups. Financial weakness made reforms difficult to achieve. They did have some success in reforming the army. Candidates’ opinions and conclusions must be clearly expressed and supported by relevant evidence.

**Section 13: War and change in the Middle East and North Africa 1914–1945**

25. “The Declaration of Independence reduced British influence in Egypt after 1922.” Discuss.

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the statement that the Declaration of Independence reduced British influence in Egypt after 1922. Reasons for reduced British influence may predate the timeframe but must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may discuss that in 1922 Egypt was declared an independent state with a democratic constitution, free elections and a popular nationalist movement seeking total independence. Power was now shared between the British, the king and parliament. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, Britain did retain military control of Egypt, power to suppress popular movements and interfere in Egyptian affairs. Other factors which reduced British influence would be Britain’s weakened state after the First World War and the constant demands for total Egyptian independence. British influence was finally reduced under the Treaty of 1936 which gave Egypt more independence although with some provisos. Candidates’ opinions and conclusions must be clearly expressed and supported by relevant evidence.

26. “Ataturk was successful in achieving his aims.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that Ataturk was successful in achieving his aims. The discussion of the success of the policies may extend beyond the timeframe but must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to his defence and recovery of Turkish territory confirmed at the Treaty of Lausanne; his reforms to education and literacy; creation of a secular state which reduced religious authority and established women’s rights and a modern legal system; establishment of a democratic constitution leading to multi-party democracy; and the establishment of government enterprises which laid the foundation for Turkish industrialization. Candidates may consider how some of his reforms such as modernisation were seen as being too drastic in abolishing old traditions. His secularisation of the state also met protest. Overall, he created a progressive democracy with a modern sense of progress and nationalism. Candidates’ opinions and conclusions must be presented clearly and supported by relevant evidence.



**Section 14: Africa, international organizations and the international community (20th century)**

27. “The Organization of African Unity (OAU) failed to achieve its objectives.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) failed to achieve its objectives. The conclusion may extend beyond the timeframe but it must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the failure of the OAU to achieve a number of its objectives such as improving human rights and living conditions in African states; its inability to prevent conflicts and resolve disputes amongst African states; its inability to promote unity as a result of the Cold War and conflicting national ambitions; it also had limited success in promoting economic development. Candidates may refer to some successes in opposing minority white regimes by supporting independence movements and in developing a stronger African identity in institutions such as the UN. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

28. “The UN was successful in its interventions in Africa.” Discuss with reference to **two** of the following: Congo, Mozambique, Somalia or Rwanda.

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the statement that the UN was successful in its intervention in Africa. The response will be with reference to two countries. The reasons for the success or failure of the two interventions may predate the timeframe but must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. The judgements on success or failure should consider the nature and extent of the crisis, the aims of the opposing sides as well as contributing cultural and ethnic factors. The outcome of the UN intervention should also be discussed with respect to the degree to which conflicts were resolved, the costs human and otherwise of the intervention, the extent to which the UN intervention created a lasting settlement, the degree to which the settlement was supported by all groups in the chosen countries as well as outside forces. Candidates’ opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 15: Developments in South Africa 1880–1994**

29. Evaluate the impact of the segregation policies of Smuts and Hertzog between 1910 and 1948.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the impact of the segregation policies of Smuts and Hertzog. Impacts may extend beyond the time frame but must be clearly linked to the issue raised in the question. Candidates may refer to the impact of the Natives' Land Act, which evicted many Africans from their land and reduced them to a state of permanent poverty and confinement to native reserves. Africans were excluded from towns unless they had permission to work there and complied with the laws which restricted their movements. Non-whites also lost jobs in the mining industry, railroads and government. Those employed were paid lower wages than whites. After 1936, no Africans held the franchise. A further impact was the formation of the ANC in 1912 to oppose segregation. The impact on whites was to encourage the growth of Afrikaner domination and nationalism through organizations such as the Broederbond which espoused extreme racial views. Candidates may also refer to the rise of apartheid, influenced by the view amongst Afrikaners that the segregation policies had not been sufficiently strict in controlling the African population. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

30. Evaluate the contribution of the Black Consciousness movement to resisting apartheid.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the contribution of the Black Consciousness movement to resisting apartheid, weighing up the strengths and limitations or otherwise of the Black Consciousness movement. Candidates may refer to the awakening caused by the movement, which called for unity of black people to fight for liberation. They may address the formation of various political organisations such as the Black People's Convention, and the impact of the death of Steve Biko. The movement was characterised by rebellions and protest that contributed to the end of apartheid. Other relevant factors may be addressed, but with a focus on the issue in the question, for example the repressive policies and the crackdown on political organizations. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

## Section 16: Social and cultural developments in Africa in the 19th and 20th centuries

31. To what extent did colonialism change social and cultural values in any **two** African countries?

The question requires that candidates consider the merits or otherwise of the statement that colonialism changed social and cultural values in any two chosen African countries. Both countries will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to how colonialism changed social and cultural values through the introduction of formal education, religion and the social impact of paid employment may also be considered. New farming methods, infrastructures such as medical facilities and transport were developed. New household goods and languages were also introduced such as English and French. Other relevant factors may be addressed, but with a focus on the issue in the question, to support the fact that not all social and cultural values were changed by colonialism. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

32. With reference to **two** African countries, examine the view that technological developments had a significant social impact.

The question requires that candidates consider the interrelationship between technological developments and significant social impact, in any two African countries. Both countries will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to how technological developments socially impacted the two countries as far as transport and communication are concerned. For example, with improved transport people were able to move long distance to look for employment and this affected the composition of the traditional African family. The impact of technology on agriculture and medicine may also be considered. On the other hand, candidates may also look at how technological developments had a limited social impact in some countries, where traditional systems of agriculture, transport and communication were maintained and thus reducing the social impact of technology in some areas. Candidates' opinions or conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

**Section 17: Post-war developments in the Middle East (1945–2000)**

33. With reference to the period between 1945 and 1956, evaluate the causes and effects of the 1948–49 War in the Middle East.

The question requires that candidates make an appraisal of the causes and effects of the 1948–1949 War in the Middle East. Causes and effects may extend beyond the timeframe but they must be clearly linked to the issues raised in the question. Candidates may offer equal coverage of causes and effects or they may prioritize their evaluation of one of them. However, both aspects will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to the Arab resentment of increasing Jewish settlements in Palestine, the failure of Britain to develop a peaceful solution and the creation of the state of Israel which led to invasion by Arab states. The effects may include the survival of the state of Israel, a large refugee problem in Arab states, Arab governments in Syria and Egypt were overthrown by groups unhappy with the defeat, a permanent state of hostility in the Middle East and the decline of Western influence (Suez). Candidates' opinions and conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

34. Discuss the reasons for the rise and collapse of the United Arab Republic (UAR).

The question requires that candidates offer a considered and balanced review of the reasons for the rise and collapse of the United Arab Republic. Candidates may offer equal coverage of the reasons for the rise and the collapse or they may prioritize their discussion of one of them. However, both aspects will be a feature of the response. Reasons for the rise of the UAR may include the popularity of Nasser and Pan-Arabism, Syrian fear of US influence led them to ally with Nasser. Reasons for collapse may refer to the social and cultural differences between Egyptians and Syrians, Syrian resentment of Egyptian domination of government and imposition of Egyptian economic policies. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, the actions of other Middle Eastern states and leaders. Candidates' opinions and conclusions must be well presented and supported by relevant evidence.

### Section 18: Post-independence politics in Africa to 2005

35. Compare and contrast the causes of ethnic conflict in **two** African countries.

Candidates will give an account of the similarities and differences between two African countries in terms of the causes of ethnic conflict, referring to both throughout. There does not have to be equal number of causes for each. Candidates may identify the social, economic and political causes of ethnic conflicts. They may refer to economic factors such as disputes over land and boundaries; resources or trade routes; feeling of inequality and demand for inclusion in societies with many ethnic groups; religious and cultural differences; historic factors and traditions of conflict between certain groups; ideological differences, particularly political tension, especially in nations moving from one-party states. Interference from outside forces seeking to create conflict for their own purposes may also be considered. Candidates may also look at the role played by media sensationalism in hyping ethnic conflict. Candidates' opinions and conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

36. "The failure of democracy was the main reason for the establishment of single-party states." Discuss with reference to **two** African countries.

Candidates will offer a considered and balanced review of the statement that the failure of democracy was the main reason for the establishment of single-party states in two African countries. Candidates may offer equal coverage of both countries or they may prioritize their discussion of one. However, both countries will be a feature of the response. Candidates may refer to the failure of democracy to solve problems such as economic distress, poverty and disease, establish a peaceful society or improve education and health. Other relevant factors may be addressed, for example, impact of wars and invasion, ambitions of individuals or groups, interference from external forces and new ideological movements. Candidates' opinions and conclusions will be presented clearly and supported by appropriate evidence.

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