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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

10 May 2023

Zone A afternoon | Zone B morning | Zone C afternoon

1 hour 30 minutes

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 importance of factors affecting the transmission of ideas and cultures in **two** societies.
2. Evaluate the significance of religious leaders in the government of **two** societies.

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

3. “Territorial disputes were the most important cause of war in the period 750–1500.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Evaluate the significance of human and economic resources to the outcome of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Discuss the nature of the power of **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region.
6. To what extent were **two** rulers successful in dealing with challenges to their power?

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Examine the impact of population expansion and movements on the economy of **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
8. “The use of printed text was the most important influence on religious expansion and conversion.” Discuss with reference to **two** societies.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. Compare and contrast the reasons for colonial/imperial expansion of **two** Early Modern states, each chosen from a different region.
10. To what extent were rebellions a serious challenge to the colonial rule of **two** Early Modern states?

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

11. “The most important causes of wars were political.” Discuss, with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
12. Evaluate the significance of the organization of warfare to the outcome of **two** wars.

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

13. Examine the impact of **two** key individuals, each chosen from a different region, upon the origins of industrialization.
14. “The organization of labour was the most effective way to improve labour conditions.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. “Violent methods were more significant than non-violent methods in achieving independence.” Discuss, with reference to **two** states.
16. “Economic difficulties were the most important challenge faced in the first ten years of independence.” Discuss, with reference to **two** states.

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

17. “The development of electoral systems was the most significant factor in the emergence of democracy.” Discuss, with reference to **two** democratic states.
18. Evaluate the impact of responses to domestic crises in **two** democratic states.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. To what extent was ideology the most important factor in the emergence of **two** authoritarian states?
20. “A successful foreign policy was the most important factor in the maintenance of power.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states.

Turn over

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars

21. Evaluate the impact of technological developments on the outcome of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
22. “The most significant effects of war were economic.” Discuss, with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

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

23. With reference to **two** leaders, each from a different region, evaluate their impact on the development of the Cold War.
 24. “Cold War crises were mainly caused by superpower aggression.” Discuss, with reference to **two** crises, each chosen from a different region.
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