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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

11 May 2023

Zone A morning | **Zone B** afternoon | **Zone C** 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. “Political authority in pre-Columbian societies depended on religious power.” With reference to **two** societies, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
2. Evaluate the contributions made to scientific development and the arts by **two** indigenous societies in the Americas.

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

3. To what extent was military superiority the main reason for the Spanish defeat of the Incas?
4. “Assimilation was the main aim of the Spanish in the treatment of indigenous populations.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

5. Evaluate the impact of the Bourbon reforms in Spanish America.
6. “The French and Indian Wars were mainly caused by economic competition.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

7. To what extent was the Catholic Church successful in achieving its aims in Spanish America in the 16th and 17th centuries?
8. Compare and contrast the role of the Catholic Church and religious orders in New France.

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

9. Compare and contrast the living and working conditions of slaves in the British and Spanish colonies of the New World.
10. “The main reason for opposition to slavery and the slave trade was the inhumane conditions.” Discuss.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. “Internal factors were more important than external factors in causing the rise of independence movements.” Discuss with reference to **one** country of the Americas.
12. Evaluate the impact of independence on **two** of the following social groups: indigenous peoples, African Americans, Creoles.

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

13. “The causes of the War of 1812 were mostly economic.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
14. Evaluate the effectiveness of the British North America Act of 1867.

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

15. “Political issues between 1850 and 1860 were the main cause of the US Civil War.” Discuss.
16. Discuss the view that Union strength, rather than Confederate weakness, was the main reason for the Union victory.

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

17. Examine the impact of immigration on the development of **two** countries in the Americas.
18. “The role of women had changed significantly by 1929.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries of the Americas.

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

19. Discuss the view that economic factors were the main reason for the expansionist foreign policies of the US.
20. “President Wilson’s peace ideals were the main reason why the US did not ratify the Treaty of Versailles.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Turn over

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. To what extent did the 1917 Constitution address the aims of the Revolution?
22. To what extent was Obregón successful in addressing the challenges he faced?

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

23. Evaluate the effectiveness of President Hoover’s response to the Great Depression.
24. “Mackenzie King was more successful than RB Bennett in his response to the Great Depression.” Discuss.

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

25. “Inter-American diplomacy between 1933 and 1945 was largely a failure.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
26. Evaluate the impact of conscription on the US and Canada during the Second World War.

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

27. Compare and contrast the economic policies of **two** populist leaders in Latin America.
28. Evaluate the economic and social impact of a military dictatorship in **one** country.

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

29. Examine the impact of internal conflicts within the Democratic and Republican parties on elections in the 1960s and 1970s.
30. “The rise of Quebec nationalism was the main cause of the October Crisis of 1970.” Discuss.

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

31. Evaluate the impact of Truman’s containment policies within the Americas between 1947 and 1953.
32. To what extent was Kennedy’s Alliance for Progress successful?

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

33. Discuss the extent of the impact that radical African American activism had on the civil rights movement.
34. To what extent did the counter-culture movement of the 1960s and 1970s change society in the Americas?

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. Compare and contrast the foreign policies of Presidents GHW Bush and Clinton.
 36. To what extent did **two** Latin American countries achieve justice and reconciliation after their transition to democracy?
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