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History

Higher level

Paper 3 – history of Europe

8 May 2024

Zone A morning | Zone B morning | 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: Monarchies in England and France (1066–1223)

1. To what extent did Henry II establish royal authority in England?
2. “Royal governments in England and France faced similar challenges in the years between 1066 and 1223.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 2: Muslims and Jews in medieval Europe (1095–1492)

3. Evaluate the contribution of economic factors to Christian opposition to Muslim states in Spain.
4. “Popular anti-Semitism was the most significant reason for the persecution of the Jews.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 3: Late medieval political crises (1300–1487)

5. To what extent was Richard II deposed in 1399 because of his poor political judgement?
6. To what extent were economic factors the main reason for the rise in importance of Ducal Burgundy?

Section 4: The Renaissance (c1400–1600)

7. “The Renaissance had limited impact on political writings between c1400 and 1600.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Evaluate the impact of the Northern Renaissance in Burgundy and Germany between c1400 and 1600.

Section 5: The Age of Exploration and its impact (1400–1550)

9. To what extent were personal rivalries the main motive for exploration in the 15th century?
10. “Cartography played a limited role as an enabler of exploration in the 15th century.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 6: Aspects of the Reformation (c1500–1563)

11. “The printing press had only a limited impact on the spread of Lutheran ideas in Germany.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. Evaluate the impact of the Council of Trent (1545–1563) on the Catholic Church.

Section 7: Absolutism and Enlightenment (1650–1800)

13. To what extent were the policies of **two** enlightened despots effective in strengthening their monarchies?
14. Evaluate the importance of royal patronage to artistic developments between 1650 and 1800.

Section 8: The French Revolution and Napoleon I (1774–1815)

15. “The Constitution of 1791 was not revolutionary.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
16. “Napoleon I rose to power mainly because of the instability of the Directory.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 9: France (1815–1914)

17. Compare and contrast the nature of the reigns of Louis XVIII and Charles X.
18. Examine the reasons for the growth of political extremism in France between 1890 and 1914.

Section 10: Society, politics and economy in Britain and Ireland (1815–1914)

19. Evaluate the contribution of the Anti-Corn Law League to the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846.
20. Discuss the reasons why the women’s suffrage movement became more militant in the period up to 1914.

Section 11: Italy (1815–1871) and Germany (1815–1890)

21. “The 1848–49 revolutions in Germany collapsed because of a lack of leadership.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
22. Evaluate the contributions of Cavour and Garibaldi to the process of Italian unification.

Section 12: Imperial Russia, revolution and the establishment of the Soviet Union (1855–1924)

23. To what extent was Nicholas II’s authority weakened by the 1905 Revolution?
24. To what extent was Russia’s involvement in the First World War the main cause of the February/March 1917 Revolution?

Section 13: Europe and the First World War (1871–1918)

25. To what extent did German foreign policy contribute to tensions in Europe between 1890 and 1914?
26. “The actions of Austria-Hungary were the main reason for the outbreak of war in July 1914.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 14: Inter-war domestic developments in European states (1918–1939)

27. To what extent had the Weimar Republic overcome its political and economic problems by 1929?
28. To what extent was there social and political change under the Spanish Second Republic (1931–1939)?

Section 15: Diplomacy in Europe (1919–1945)

29. To what extent did the Great Depression contribute towards the failure of the League of Nations?
30. “Hitler followed a carefully planned foreign policy between 1933 and 1939.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 16: The Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia (1924–2000)

31. Evaluate the impact of the Great Patriotic War (1941–1945) on the civilian population of the Soviet Union.
32. Evaluate the impact of Brezhnev’s domestic policies on the Soviet economy and society.

Section 17: Post-war western and northern Europe (1945–2000)

33. Evaluate the impact of economic recovery on French society during “Les Trente Glorieuses”.
34. Examine the challenges posed by the Baader Meinhof Group/Red Army Faction to West Germany.

Section 18: Post-war central and eastern Europe (1945–2000)

35. To what extent was there support for, and cooperation with, Soviet control in East Germany between 1945 and 1968?
 36. Evaluate the consequences of the collapse of Soviet control in **one** country in central or eastern Europe between 1989 and 2000.
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