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History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

Wednesday 4 November 2020 (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 impact of developments in science and technology on **one** society.
2. Examine the reasons for disputes between rulers and religious leaders in **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.

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

3. “The mobilization of human and economic resources was the most important factor in determining the outcome of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
4. Examine the short-term **and** long-term political consequences of **one** war.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Examine the effects of religious and secular law on the governing institutions of **one** state.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region, in resolving issues of succession.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Discuss the impact of social **and** economic change on **either** minority **or** indigenous peoples in **one** society.
8. Evaluate the impact of cross-cultural exchange on **two** societies in transition.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. Discuss the economic reasons for expansion by **two** Early Modern states, each chosen from a different region.
10. “Resistance and rebellion had a significant impact on colonial rule.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

11. Evaluate the significance of religion as a cause of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
12. “Land strategies were more important than sea strategies in determining the outcome of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

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

13. Evaluate the significance of individuals to the origins of industrialization in **two** countries.
14. Examine the impact of developments in transportation on the industrialization of **two** countries.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Discuss the importance of social **and** economic factors in the rise of **one** independence movement, up to the point of independence.
16. Discuss the effectiveness of responses to political problems during the first ten years of independence in **two** states, each chosen from a different region.

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

17. Evaluate the success of suffrage movements in extending democracy in **two** states.
18. To what extent were education and social welfare policies successful in achieving their aims in **one** democratic state?

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. Compare and contrast the use of force in the maintenance of power in **two** authoritarian states.
20. “Authoritarian states had total control over the population.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars

21. “Territorial disputes were the main cause of wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

22. Discuss the impact of the mobilization of human and economic resources on the outcome of **two** wars.

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

23. To what extent was the arms race the most important reason for the end of the Cold War (1980–1991)?

 24. Examine the economic impact of the Cold War on **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
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