

History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

Monday 12 November 2018 (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. Evaluate the role of local **and** state authorities in **one** pre-Columbian society.
2. Discuss the role and nature of the tribute in **two** pre-Columbian societies.

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

3. Compare and contrast Spanish exploration of the Caribbean and British exploration of North America.
4. “The New Laws of the Indies (1542) protected indigenous populations.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

5. Evaluate the factors that contributed to the success of colonial American economies.
6. Discuss the nature **and** impact of the Bourbon reforms.

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

7. “The Jesuits had a positive impact on the indigenous populations of Spanish and Portuguese America.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. “Religious syncretism contributed to the establishment of Christianity in the New World.” Discuss.

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

9. Evaluate the contribution of slavery to economic growth in the Americas.
10. Discuss the living and working conditions of slaves on plantations in the West Indies **and** in Brazil.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. “Independence movements in the Americas emerged because of economic factors rather than political factors.” With reference to **one** independence movement, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. “The achievement of independence for new nations was beneficial to the indigenous peoples who lived in them.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

13. “Newly-established political systems in Latin America faced significant challenges.” Discuss with reference to **one** Latin American country.
14. “The Mexican–American War (1846–1848) had a greater impact on the US than on Mexico.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 8: United States’ Civil War: Causes, course and effects (1840–1877)

15. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Union **and** the Confederacy at the outbreak of the Civil War.
16. “Congressional plans for Reconstruction aimed to punish, rather than rebuild and reform the South.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

17. Compare and contrast the influence of immigration on the development of **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Discuss the successes and failures of **one** Latin American leader.

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

19. Discuss the effects of the Spanish–American War (1898) on the US **and** Cuba.
20. Discuss the reasons for, and nature of, Canada’s **or** one Latin American country’s involvement in the First World War.

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Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. Compare and contrast the leadership of Madero and Zapata during the Mexican Revolution.
22. Discuss the impact of the Mexican Revolution on the arts.

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

23. Discuss the political and economic causes of the Great Depression in the Americas.
24. Discuss how effectively **one** country in the Americas responded to the Great Depression.

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

25. Examine the application and effects of Franklin D Roosevelt’s Good Neighbor Policy.
26. “The treatment of people of Japanese origin was consistent throughout the Americas during the Second World War.” Discuss.

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

27. “Social rather than political factors were the main cause of the Cuban Revolution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement.
28. Discuss the origins **and** growth of the liberation theology movement in Latin America up to 1980.

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

29. Evaluate the impact of Truman’s Fair Deal.
30. Compare and contrast the domestic policies of St Laurent and Diefenbaker.

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

31. Discuss the rise of McCarthyism **and** its effects in the US.
32. Discuss the effect on Chile of Nixon’s covert operations.

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

33. “Dr Martin Luther King Jr was the most influential leader of the African-American civil rights movement.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
34. Evaluate the contributions of Cesar Chavez to the Hispanic American movement.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. “Clinton’s domestic policies led to substantial social and economic change.” Discuss.
 36. With reference to **two** Latin American countries, discuss the aims of violent and/or non-violent movements.
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