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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

Thursday 5 May 2022 (morning)

1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different section.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.

Section 1: Indigenous societies and cultures in the Americas (c750–1500)

1. Discuss the role of tribute in **two** indigenous societies or cultures in pre-Columbian Americas.
2. Discuss the role of religion in **two** indigenous societies or cultures in pre-Columbian Americas.

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

3. Compare and contrast French and British exploration and conquest in the Americas.
4. Evaluate the impact of Spanish exploration and conquest on the indigenous populations in the Americas.

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

5. Evaluate the impact of European mercantilist policies on colonial American economies.
6. “Resistance to colonial authority was mainly motivated by political concerns.” Discuss.

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

7. “British North American colonies mostly practiced religious tolerance.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. “The impact of the Great Awakening c1720–c1760 was more social than political.” Discuss.

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

9. “Economic factors were the main reason for the introduction of slavery in the New World.” Discuss.
10. To what extent was opposition to the slave trade and slavery in British America successful?

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. Examine the importance of foreign intervention on the success of independence movements in the Americas.
12. Evaluate the military contributions of **two** of the following leaders to the process of independence: Washington, Bolivar or San Martin.

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

13. “The Articles of Confederation were largely successful in resolving the challenges that came with independence.” Discuss.
14. “The 1837 rebellions in Canada were caused more by political than economic factors.” Discuss.

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

15. To what extent was westward expansion the main cause of the Civil War?
16. “Reconstruction was an economic failure, but a political success by 1877.” Discuss.

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

17. “Immigration had a largely positive impact on the development of nations.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Evaluate the contributions to the search for civil rights of **two** of the following leaders: Booker T Washington, W E B Du Bois **or** Marcus Garvey.

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

19. “Political factors were the main cause of United States’ expansionist foreign policy.” Discuss.
20. Examine the impact of the First World War on the foreign policy of any **two** countries of the Americas.

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. Discuss the aims and methods of **either** Madero **or** Carranza during the Mexican Revolution.
22. Discuss the impact of the Mexican Revolution on women **and** education.

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

23. “Critics of the New Deal had a significant impact on the policies of Franklin D Roosevelt.” Discuss.
24. “Latin American responses to the Great Depression had only limited success.” Discuss with reference to **one** Latin American country.

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

25. To what extent did Franklin D Roosevelt’s Good Neighbor policy improve relations between the USA and Latin America?
26. Examine the social impact of the Second World War on **one** country of the Americas up to 1945.

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

27. “Castro’s suppression of opposition was the most important factor in his maintenance of power.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
28. “Political factors were the main reason for the failure of elected leaders.” Discuss.

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

29. “President Truman failed in his attempt to establish the Fair Deal.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
30. “The domestic policies of Pearson and Trudeau resulted in limited change.” Discuss.

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

31. “President Truman’s containment policy damaged relations between the United States and other countries in the region.” Discuss.
32. “The Vietnam War ended as a result of the domestic effects that it caused in the United States.” Discuss.

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

33. To what extent was Dr Martin Luther King Jr successful in his attempts to achieve equality for African Americans?
34. Evaluate the effects of US immigration reform on people of Hispanic descent after 1945.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. Evaluate the effects of Reagan’s domestic policies on the United States.
 36. “Latin American countries shared similar challenges after their transition to democracy.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries.
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References: