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History
Higher level and standard level
Paper 2

Wednesday 3 November 2021 (afternoon)

45 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[15 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 different types of taxation on **two** societies.
2. Examine the economic impact of religious persecution on **two** societies.

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

3. Discuss the importance of religion in causing the outbreak of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
4. “Boundary changes were the most significant effect of wars in the period 750–1500.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Examine the importance of invasion and settlement for the expansion of **two** dynasties/kingdoms.
6. Compare and contrast the methods used by **two** rulers to deal with challenges to their reign, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. “Population expansion was a significant cause of social and economic change.” With reference to **two** societies, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Evaluate the impact of religious expansion and conversion on **two** societies in transition.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. Compare and contrast the treatment of subjects in **two** Early Modern states.
10. “The race to establish colonial rule was driven mostly by economic competition.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.

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

11. “The main cause of Early Modern wars was the competition for resources.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.
12. “Leaders were the most significant factor in determining the outcome of Early Modern wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each from a different region.

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

13. Discuss the importance of developments in energy and power for industrialization in **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
14. “Changes to leisure were the most significant social impact of industrialization.” With reference to **two** countries, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. “Other factors were more important than leadership in the success of independence movements.” Discuss with reference to **two** independence movements.
16. Evaluate the effectiveness of responses to economic challenges in 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. Compare and contrast the role of leadership in the emergence of **two** democratic states, each chosen from a different region.
18. Evaluate the impact of changing social and economic policies on the population of **one** democratic state.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. “Propaganda was the key factor in the emergence of authoritarian states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states, each from a different region.
20. Evaluate the effectiveness of methods used to control opposition in **two** authoritarian states, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars

21. Evaluate the importance of foreign influence to the outcome of **two** civil wars.
22. “Political change was the most significant short-term effect of war.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

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

23. “The arms race made the greatest contribution to the ending of the Cold War.” Discuss with reference to the period between 1980 and 1991.
 24. Examine the influence of **two** leaders, each chosen from a different region, on the development of the Cold War.
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References: