



**HISTORY  
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PAPER 3 – AMERICAS**

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2 hours 30 minutes

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.

1. “Economic gain was the main reason for the administration of the American colonies.” With reference to **one** colony in the area, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
2. To what extent were the wars of independence caused by colonial policies? Support your answer with reference to **one** war of independence between 1775 and 1824.
3. “Compromise was the essential factor in the creation and ratification of the United States Constitution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Assess the impact of sectionalism on the movement for Confederation in Canada between 1850 and 1867.
5. To what extent, and for what reasons, were slave rebellions more numerous in Brazil than in the United States?
6. How successful were the federal government’s Reconstruction policies between 1865 and 1877?
7. Analyse the effects of economic development in Latin America between 1850 and 1919. Use specific examples from **two** countries in the region.
8. Examine the successes and failures of **one** leader in **one** country of the region from 1850 to 1919.
9. What role did **either** positivism **or** liberalism play in Latin America between 1850 and 1914? Support your answers with specific examples from at least **one** country.
10. Analyse the reasons for, and the effects of, the construction of the Panama Canal.
11. In what ways, and for what reasons, did United States intervention influence the course of the Mexican Revolution between 1910 and 1920?
12. To what extent did any **one** Latin American country deal successfully with the challenges brought about by the Great Depression?
13. To what extent did the First World War contribute to the emergence of the movement towards greater sovereignty for Canada?

14. For what reasons was Getulio Vargas's era (1930–1945) a significant turning point in Brazilian history?
  15. Compare and contrast the diplomatic and military roles of **two** Latin American countries in the Second World War.
  16. Assess the impact of Cold War policies on **one** Latin American nation between 1945 and 1965.
  17. “The key problem for Canada from 1945 to 1975 was how to balance its alliance with the United States while retaining an independent foreign policy.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
  18. “Eisenhower (1953–1961) was a successful president in domestic affairs.” Assess the validity of this statement.
  19. Analyse the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis for the Kennedy administration (1961–1963).
  20. What were the reasons for the change in the Civil Rights Movement in the United States during the second half of the 1960s?
  21. Compare and contrast the Vietnam War policies of Harry Truman (1945–1953) and Lyndon Johnson (1963–1969).
  22. Evaluate the political and economic impact of military rule in Chile between 1973 and 1989.
  23. Assess the role of regionalism in the political development of Canada between 1960 and 1990.
  24. Analyse **two** diplomatic successes of the Organization of American States (OAS) between 1950 and 1990.
  25. In what ways, and for what reasons, did women's role in society in the region change after 1945?
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