

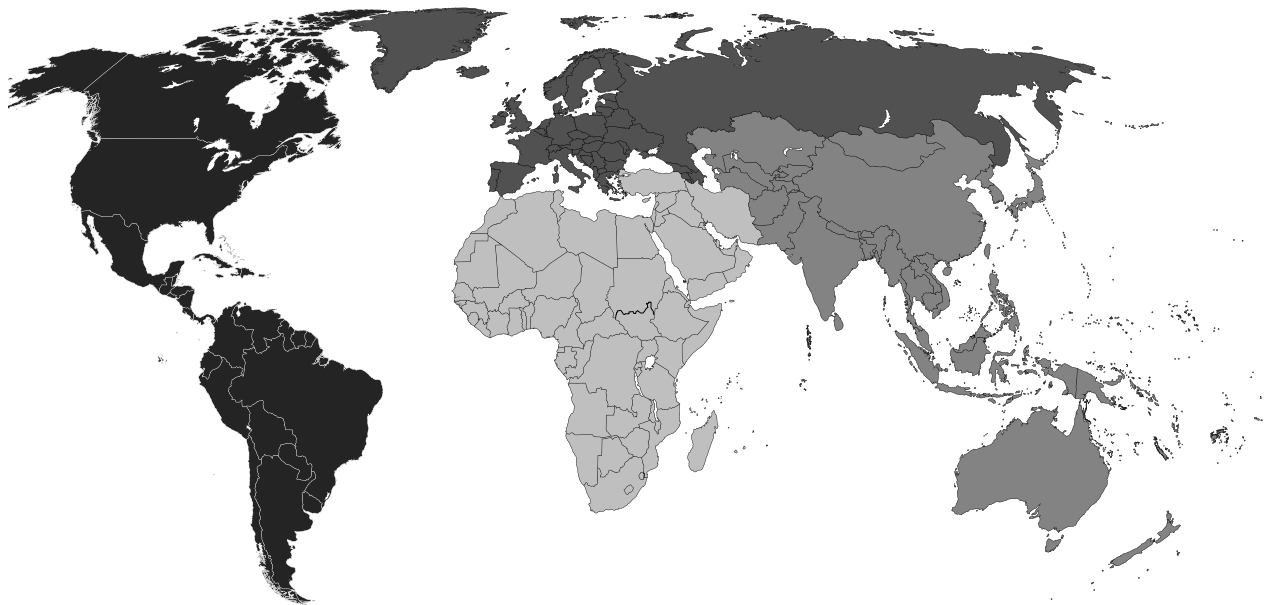
History
Higher level and standard level
Paper 2

Tuesday 8 May 2018 (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: Europe, Asia and Oceania, the Americas, and Africa and the Middle East.



Topic 1: Society and economy (750–1400)

1. To what extent did social structures and systems in **two** societies change significantly?
2. “The support of rulers was the main factor enabling the spread of religion.” With reference to **two** societies, each from a different region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

3. Compare and contrast the causes of **two** medieval wars.
4. Evaluate the importance of women in **two** medieval wars.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Compare and contrast the methods used by **two** medieval rulers to expand their power.
6. “Medieval rulers were mostly successful in overcoming the challenges posed by rebellion and/or political opposition.” Discuss with reference to **two** medieval rulers.

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. “The social **and** economic treatment of minorities in early modern societies was severe.” Discuss with reference to **one** early modern society.
8. Discuss the impact on society and culture of **two** intellectual movements.

Topic 5: Early modern states (1450–1789)

9. Compare and contrast the nature of power and rule in **one** state in ascendancy **and one** state in decline.
10. To what extent were political reasons the driving force in the expansion of **two** colonial empires?

Topic 6: Causes and effects of early modern wars (1500–1750)

11. Evaluate the importance of foreign influence and/or involvement in the outcome of **two** early modern wars.
12. “The effects of peacemaking were more positive than negative.” Discuss with reference to peacemaking after **two** early modern wars.

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

13. Evaluate the significance of mass production in **two** countries, each from a different region.
14. Discuss the impact of industrialization on labour conditions in **two** countries.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Compare and contrast the importance of nationalism to **two** independence movements, each from a different region.
16. “Successful independence movements were dependent on skillful and persuasive leaders.” Discuss with reference to **two** independence movements.

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

17. “Greater equality in democratic states was the result of pressure from suffrage movements.” Discuss with reference to **two** democratic states, each from a different region.
18. Evaluate the impact of democracy on social policies in **two** democratic states.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. Compare and contrast the importance of propaganda to the emergence of **two** authoritarian states.
20. “The domestic policies of authoritarian states rarely benefitted women.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states.

Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th-century wars

21. Evaluate the importance of guerrilla warfare to the outcome of **two** 20th-century wars.
22. With reference to **one** 20th-century war, compare and contrast the political repercussions for **two** countries.

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

23. “Ideology was the main factor that led to the emergence of superpower rivalry between 1943 and 1949.” Discuss.
 24. Compare and contrast the causes of **two** Cold War crises, each from a different region.
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