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HISTORY
ROUTE 1
HIGHER LEVEL AND STANDARD LEVEL
PAPER 2

Thursday 12 May 2011 (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.
- Questions in this paper must be answered with reference to events and developments in medieval Europe and the Islamic world.

Topic 1: Dynasties and rulers

1. Explain the methods used by **either** European **or** Muslim rulers to establish and consolidate their power.
2. “The success of Henry II in establishing a strong central government did not rest on his military ability, but on his legal and administrative skills.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
3. In what ways, and with what results, did Louis VI of France attempt to increase the power of the Capetian monarchy?
4. How can we account for the successful rise of the Fatimid dynasty in Ifriqiya (Tunisia)?
5. By what methods, and with what results, did the Umayyad caliph ‘Abd al-Malik seek to strengthen Arab–Islamic rule between 685 and 705?
6. Explain the ways in which law and law codes developed in **either** the Islamic world **or** medieval Europe.

Topic 2: Society and economy

7. How did the growth of urban centres affect the social and economic structure of medieval Europe?
8. “The non-economic roles of women in medieval society were as important as their economic roles.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
9. For what reasons, and with what results, were the lives of serfs/peasants changing prior to the outbreak of the Black Death in 1348?
10. Compare and contrast the roles and importance of at least **two** women who were related to the Prophet Muhammad by either birth or marriage.
11. Explain the main effects that the Muslim system of taxation had on the economy and society.
12. How did the arrangement of urban space in Islamic lands reflect Muslim concepts of an ideal city?

Topic 3: Wars and warfare

13. Compare and contrast the impact of the Hundred Years War (1337–1396) on England and France.
14. “The medieval world was in a constant state of war.” With reference to the various types of wars in **either** Europe **or** the Islamic world, explain the extent to which you agree with this statement.
15. Explain to what extent any **two** of the following may be considered a successful military leader: Richard I; John; Edward III of England; Louis VII; Philip Augustus.
16. “The causes of the First Civil War (*fitna*) (656–661) in early Islam were mainly political.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
17. Assess the impact of the Crusades on the Islamic world.
18. “Islam was spread by the sword.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 4: Intellectual, cultural and artistic developments

19. “The most important cause of the twelfth century renaissance was the arrival of classical ideas from the Islamic world.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
20. Analyse the impact of vernacular writers on the intellectual and cultural development of medieval European society.
21. Assess the influence of religious buildings on **either** Christian **or** Islamic art and culture.
22. What cultural roles did religious festivals and rituals play in the Islamic world?
23. Apart from the Qur’an and Hadith, assess the importance of literature to the intellectual and cultural development of the Islamic world.
24. Assess the importance to science and scholarship of any **two** of the following: Ibn Sina (Avicenna) (d1037); al-Ghazali (d1111), Ibn Rushd (Averroes) (d1198), Ibn Khaldun (d1406).

Topic 5: Religion and the state

25. Assess the reasons for, and results of, **one** heretical movement in medieval Europe.
 26. How did monastic orders make an impact on medieval society?
 27. For what reasons, and with what results, did Henry II engage in a dispute with Thomas Becket?
 28. How successful were the militant, revolutionary movements of the Kharijites **and/or** the Carmathians in medieval Islam?
 29. How did religious scholars exert influence on government and the state in the Islamic world?
 30. What events and movements led to the establishment of Sunni Orthodoxy by c1200?
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