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**HISTORY
ROUTE 1
HIGHER LEVEL AND STANDARD LEVEL
PAPER 2**

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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 *[20 marks]*.
- Questions in this paper must be answered with reference to events and developments in medieval Europe and the Islamic world.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[40 marks]*.

Topic 1 Dynasties and rulers

1. Compare and contrast the methods used by **two** medieval European rulers to obtain and consolidate their power.
2. Examine the methods used, **and** the degree of success achieved, by William I (1066–1087) in his attempt to establish his rule in England by 1071.
3. Examine the reasons for the overthrow of the Umayyads by the Abbasids.
4. “The creation and administration of legal codes were crucial to rulers seeking to expand their authority.” With reference to **one** medieval European **or** Islamic ruler, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
5. With reference to ‘Abd al-Malik (685–705) **or** ‘Abd al-Rahman III of Spain (912–961) **or** Frederick I (Barbarossa) (1155–1190), examine his success as a ruler.
6. Evaluate the reasons for, and the results of, the efforts to limit the power of the nobility by **either** Angevin **or** Capetian rulers.

Topic 2 Society and economy

7. Discuss the reasons for the changing status of European peasants and serfs in the medieval period.
8. Evaluate the impact that improved transportation had on medieval Europe.
9. Examine the role of the clergy in **either** medieval Europe **or** the Islamic world.
10. “The importance of women in society was nearly always overlooked.” With reference to **either** medieval Europe **or** the Islamic world, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
11. “The growth of urban centres was the greatest force for social and economic change in medieval Europe.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. Examine the reasons for the design of the model Islamic city.

Topic 3 Wars and warfare

13. “The territorial ambition of rulers was the most important cause of wars in the medieval period.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
14. Examine the military success of **two** of the following war leaders: Louis VII (1137–1180); Richard I (1189–1199); Edward III (1307–1327); Khalid ibn al-Walid (d.642); Nur al-Din (1146–1174); Salah al-Din (Saladin) (1174–1193).
15. “Good leadership was the most important reason for the Muslims’ defeat of the crusading movement.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
16. “English success in the Hundred Years War during the period 1337 to 1396 was the result of French errors and weakness.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
17. Evaluate the impact of the civil wars (*fitna*) of 656 to 661 and 683 to 685 on the Islamic world.
18. Examine the challenges that faced medieval European rulers in raising and maintaining their armies.

Topic 4 Intellectual, cultural and artistic developments

19. Examine the origins of the 12th century renaissance in medieval Europe.
20. Discuss the influence of the Christian religion on medieval European cultural activities.
21. Examine the impact of religion on the intellectual development of **either** medieval Europe **or** the Islamic world.
22. To what extent was the medieval period a cultural golden age in the Islamic world?
23. “The universities of Europe were a powerful force for change.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
24. Examine the impact of increased scientific study on medieval Europe.

Topic 5 Religion and the state

25. Examine the reasons why the temporal power of the Papacy increased in Europe during the medieval period.
 26. Compare and contrast the religious life **and** work of **one** monastic and **one** itinerant order.
 27. Examine the reasons for the Sunni/Shia divide.
 28. “Religious institutions limited the social and political development of medieval Europe.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 29. Evaluate the reasons why **one** religious opposition movement developed in **either** medieval Europe **or** the Islamic world.
 30. Examine the reasons for, and the results of, anti-Semitism in medieval Europe.
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