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History
Higher level and standard level
Paper 2

Tuesday 7 May 2019 (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: Africa and the Middle East, the Americas, Asia and Oceania, and Europe.

Topic 1: Society and economy (750–1400)

1. Evaluate the role of women in **two** societies, each from a different region.
2. With reference to **two** societies, each from a different region, to what extent were developments in architecture the most significant cultural and intellectual development?

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

3. Evaluate the importance of religion in causing **two** medieval wars, each from a different region.
4. “Religious change was the most significant effect of war.” Discuss with reference to **two** medieval wars.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Compare and contrast the nature of the power of **two** rulers.
6. With reference to **two** examples, to what extent did dynasties and/or rulers overcome the challenges they faced?

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Evaluate the role of women in **two** societies, each from a different region.
8. With reference to **two** societies, each from a different region, evaluate the impact of cross-cultural exchange.

Topic 5: Early modern states (1450–1789)

9. Examine how the relationship between religion and the state contributed to the expansion of **two** established states.
10. “The most important challenge to colonial rule was resistance and rebellion in the colony.” Discuss with reference to **two** colonies.

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

11. “Competition for resources was the most important cause of wars.” With reference to **two** early modern wars, each from a different region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. To what extent did mercenaries have an impact on the outcome of **two** wars?

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

13. “Developments in energy and power had the most significant role in the process of industrialization.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries.
14. “The most significant effect of the growth of cities and factories was social change.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. With reference to **two** independence movements, to what extent was violence an important method of achieving independence?
16. “Political problems were **not** a significant challenge to new states in the first 10 years of independence.” With reference to **two** new states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

17. Compare and contrast the conditions that encouraged the demand for democratic reform in **two** states.
18. “The development of democracy led to significant social reform.” Discuss with reference to **two** democratic states.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. “Control of opposition was the most important method used to maintain power in authoritarian states.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states.
20. Compare and contrast the impact of the policies of **two** authoritarian states on women.

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

21. “Foreign powers did **not** determine the outcome of civil wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** civil wars, each from a different region.

22. With reference to **two** 20th-century wars, each from a different region, compare and contrast the effects of war on the role and status of women.

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

23. “China’s relations with the USSR and the US were largely shaped by increasing mistrust and suspicion.” Discuss with reference to the period between 1947 and 1979.

 24. “The actions of individual leaders had a significant impact on the development of the Cold War.” Discuss with reference to **two** leaders, each from a different region.
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