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**History**  
**Higher level and standard level**  
**Paper 2**

Tuesday 4 May 2021 (afternoon)

45 minutes

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[15 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 impact of population change on **two** societies, each from a different region.
2. Compare and contrast the impact of developments in science and technology on **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.

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

3. “The most important causes of wars in the period 750–1500 were political.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. “Wars in the period 750–1500 resulted in significant boundary and dynastic changes.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

**Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)**

5. Evaluate the methods of government and administration of **two** rulers, each from a different region.
6. With reference to **two** rulers, compare and contrast the methods used to address external challenges to their power.

**Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)**

7. Evaluate the importance of population expansion and movements as causes of change in **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
8. Discuss the social impact of scientific and technological developments on **two** societies.

**Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)**

9. “The most important reasons for the territorial expansion of Early Modern states were religious.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
10. With reference to **one** Early Modern state, discuss the challenges to its power and how successfully they were overcome.

**Topic 6: Causes and effects of Early Modern wars (1500–1750)**

11. “The most important causes of Early Modern wars were political.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. “The most important effects of Early Modern wars were economic.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

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

13. Evaluate the significance of developments in energy and power to industrialization in **two** countries.
14. “Opposition to industrialization was limited.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries, each from a different region.

**Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)**

15. Evaluate the role of war as a cause for the rise of **two** independence movements, each from a different region.
16. Evaluate the factors, excluding leadership, that led to the success of **one** independence movement.

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

17. “Ideology was the most important influence on the evolution of democratic states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states, each from a different region.
18. Evaluate the impact of changing social policies in **two** states, each chosen from a different region.

**Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)**

19. “The treatment of opposition was the most important factor in the maintenance of power.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states, each from a different region.
20. “Full authoritarian control could not be achieved.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

21. “The most important causes of war were economic.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
  
22. “Changes to the role and status of women as a result of war were limited.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each from a different region.

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

23. Evaluate the factors which led to detente between the US and USSR between 1971 and 1979.
  
  24. Discuss the impact of **two** Cold War crises on superpower rivalry.
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