

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level

HISTORY

9697/04

Paper 4 The History of Tropical Africa, c.1855–1914

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

3 hours

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 Explain the survival of the overseas slave trade and domestic slavery in East **and** West Africa in the second half of the nineteenth century.
- 2 Who were the Creoles and what were their achievements in West Africa? Why did British policy and attitudes towards them change in the last decade of the nineteenth century?
- 3 'Tewodros II was a ruler with a vision.' How far, and why, did he fail to achieve it?
- 4 Why, and with what results, did Bismarck convene the Berlin West Africa Conference in 1884?
- 5 Compare and contrast the factors which led to the spread of Islam and Christianity in **either** East **or** West Africa in this period.
- 6 'Railway construction was the key to economic growth in colonial Africa.' How far is this claim supported by the history of **either** East **or** Central Africa before 1914?
- 7 Explain the failure of Samori Touré and the success of Menelik II in resisting European conquest of their territory.
- 8 'Africans who resisted Europeans, lost; those who collaborated, gained.' Examine the truth of this assertion with reference to events in East **and** Central Africa.
- 9 Explain the emergence, and assess the achievements, of nationalist movements in British **and** French West Africa before 1914.
- 10 Why did the British use the system of Indirect Rule to administer most of their African colonies after 1900? What were the strengths and weaknesses of this system?