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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. With reference to **two** medieval wars, each from a different region, discuss the view that long-term causes were more important to the outbreak of war than short-term causes.
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. Evaluate the model **and** methods of government and administration used by **one** ruler.
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. Compare and contrast the political organization of **two** established states.
10. With reference to **two** colonial empires, evaluate the role of competitions and conflict during the colonial race.

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

11. “Economic factors were the most important cause of war.” 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. Discuss the view that the production of iron and steel was the most important factor in the industrialization of **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. “External factors had the most significant impact on the growth of independence movements.” Discuss with reference to **two** independence movements.
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. “The use of force 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. Examine the effects of the peacemaking processes that followed **two** 20th-century wars.

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

23. To what extent did the policy of peaceful co-existence improve superpower relations up to and including 1964?

 24. “The impact of Cold War tensions was mainly economic.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries (excluding the USSR and the US).
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