

History

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

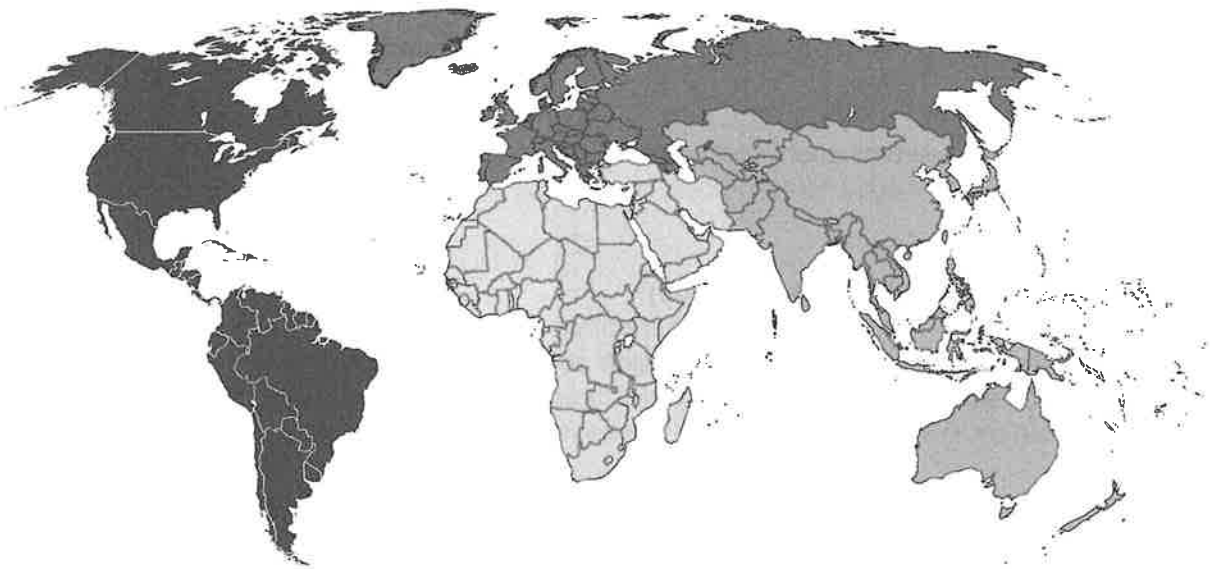
10 May 2023

Zone A afternoon | Zone B morning | Zone C 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 importance of factors affecting the transmission of ideas and cultures in **two** societies.
2. Evaluate the significance of religious leaders in the government of **two** societies.

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

3. “Territorial disputes were the most important cause of war in the period 750–1500.” With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Evaluate the significance of human and economic resources to the outcome of **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.

Topic 3: Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)

5. Examine the nature of the power of **two** rulers, each chosen from a different region.
6. To what extent were **two** rulers successful in dealing with challenges to their power?

Topic 4: Societies in transition (1400–1700)

7. Examine the impact of population expansion and movements on the economy of **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
8. “The use of printed text was the most important influence on religious expansion and conversion.” Discuss with reference to **two** societies.

Topic 5: Early Modern states (1450–1789)

9. Compare and contrast the reasons for colonial/imperial expansion of **two** Early Modern states, each chosen from a different region.
10. To what extent were rebellions a serious challenge to the colonial rule of **two** Early Modern states?



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

11. “The most important causes of wars were political.” Discuss, with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
12. Evaluate the significance of the organization of warfare to the outcome of **two** wars.

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

13. Discuss the view that developments in communication were the most important factor in the industrialization of **two** countries.
14. Evaluate the impact of industrialization on the labour conditions in **two** countries.

Topic 8: Independence movements (1800–2000)

15. Evaluate the importance of nationalism to the development of **two** independence movements.
16. “Social issues were the most important challenge faced in the first ten years of independence.” Discuss, with reference to **two** states, each chosen from a different region.

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

17. “The development of political parties was the most important factor in the emergence of democracy.” Discuss, with reference to **two** democratic states, each chosen from a different region.
18. Evaluate the impact of cultural policies in **two** democratic states.

Topic 10: Authoritarian states (20th century)

19. “Economic conditions were the most important factor in the emergence of authoritarian states.” Discuss with reference to **two** states, each chosen from a different region.
20. Evaluate the importance of charismatic leadership to the maintenance of power in **two** authoritarian states.



Topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars

21. "Economic factors were the most significant cause of war." Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each chosen from a different region.
22. "Peacemaking largely failed." With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

23. "Reconciliation was more important than confrontation in superpower relations." Discuss with reference to the period between 1980 and 1991.
 24. "Mistrust between the superpowers was the most important cause of Cold War crises." Discuss, with reference to **two** crises, each chosen from a different region.
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