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## Level 1 History, 2016

### 91005 Describe the causes and consequences of an historical event

2.00 p.m. Friday 18 November 2016  
Credits: Four

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Describe the causes and consequences of an historical event.	Describe in depth the causes and consequences of an historical event.	Comprehensively describe the causes and consequences of an historical event.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

**You should write ONE essay in this booklet.**

If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Write an essay on ONE historical event that you have studied this year, using the essay question below.

Your chosen 'historical event' should be:

- a specific historical event in time, or
- a historical movement or development.

Your essay must include an introduction and a conclusion, and use supporting evidence.

You should provide context for your discussion in a detailed paragraph(s) describing the historical event.

Write your chosen historical event in the box below.

Plan your essay on page 3. Begin your essay on page 4.

## ESSAY QUESTION

**Identify and describe the causes of your chosen historical event.**

**What were the short-term and long-term consequences of the event for people and/or groups?**

Historical event: 1931<sup>Japanese</sup> Invasion of Manchuria.

- ### Causes of historical event

Begin your essay here:

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The 1931 Japanese Invasion of Manchuria, China was a well executed plan of ~~attack~~ <sup>attack</sup> by the Japanese Army. There were many causes leading up to the invasion. For example; The Japanese were still hit hard by the Great Depression that struck in 1929. Invading Manchuria would help the Japanese in ~~recovering~~ <sup>recovering</sup> from the Depression. There were also many short and long consequences for the people involved. For example, The Japanese army ~~it~~ invading Shanghai and Nanking to help expand their empire, unfortunately killing many people in the process. This essay will describe in detail these, and other cause and short and long term consequences for the people involved. /

One cause of the 1931 Japanese Invasion of Manchuria was the Great Depression. Japan had been hit hard by the Depression, so hard that their ~~econ~~ <sup>economy</sup> ~~economy~~ started to crumble, due to the tariffs ~~the~~ America had placed upon themselves. Trades and stock began to ~~fall~~ fall, One of Japan's biggest exports silk had fallen by 50%. Factories, stores and businesses were closing down, ~~and~~ unemployment began to increase and poverty started to spread throughout Japan. By ~~it~~ invading Manchuria it would allow the Japanese population to spread out and start again. ~~The~~ Manchuria seemed like an ideal place, all that was needed was for the government to agree. /

Another cause of the Manchurian Invasion

was the weakness of Japan's government. The Japanese had a strong army and that army would often bump heads with their government. The majority of the time whatever the two were fighting over, the army <sup>usually</sup> ~~always~~ won. The Japanese Army wanted to invade Manchuria as it was rich in natural resources like iron ore, timber, its forestry and their agricultural land. The go. Army saw these resources as an investment <sup>plus a</sup> ~~as a~~ business opportunity that could help rebuild Japan's economy. By invading Manchuria it would give them the resources & the space to build and expand their empire. However ~~they~~ the army couldn't just invade Manchuria out of the blue, they needed a reason.

A final cause of the 1931 Japanese Invasion of Manchuria was the Mukden Incident. The Mukden Incident was when a section of Japanese railway <sup>was</sup> ~~way~~ blown up. This railway was of the most importance to the Japanese army and ~~looked~~ at it as a major investment. The Japanese blamed the Chinese nationalist for the explosion, this would give them a reason to invade Manchuria as an act of ~~retaliation~~ retaliation for the explosion. However the Japanese Army actually staged the whole incident. It was the Japanese Army who blew up their own railway. But because the railway was such a big investment to the army & no one would think that they had done it. ~~was~~ With the Japanese

nation and government ~~believe~~ believing that the Chinese had blown up the railway, everyone was in support of invading Manchuria. This is exactly what the Japanese army wanted.

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The 1931 Invasion of Manchuria had many causes. However these causes lead to many short and long term consequences for people involved.

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One short term consequence for the Chinese people was the reality of another Japanese invasion. After the invasion of Manchuria the Japanese government still wanted to expand their empire. Three months later the army invaded Shanghai, China's capital and Nanking. Through the total cost for these invasions meant that 20 million lives of civilians and military personnel were killed. China was becoming ~~an~~ increasing sick of the invasions and needed someone to step in and help.

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Another short term consequence for the Japanese army was that the League of Nations weakness was revealed. The ~~Chi~~ China had appealed to the League of Nations re the Japanese situation. The League sent a man named Lord Lytton to investigate the situation. Lytton came to the conclusion that the Japanese army had no right to invade China and should

leave immediately. The Japanese government agreed with the League but was overruled by their army. The Japanese continued their work in China. The League then threatened to place economic sanctions on Japan. This meant that any country within the League would not trade or import or export anything with Japan. However many ~~for~~ countries in the League were not willing to do so as they themselves were still struggling from the Depression, some even relying on Japan's imports and exports to rebuild their economy. So the idea of economic sanctions fell through. This however had just exposed the League's weakness, they were all talk and no walk. With this in mind that Japanese army ~~continued their~~ continued the work of expanding their empire as they now knew the League won't stop them. The Japanese continuing to invade China, Japan renamed ~~the~~ Manchuria to ~~Manchiao~~ Manchukuo. The actions of the Japanese army were quickly becoming known and the word spread internationally.

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One long term consequence for the Japanese army was ~~the~~ their actions were setting a trend. After the world grew to understand the Japanese army's action that helped uncover the League's weakness it started to rub off on other world leaders like Hitler and Mussolini. Germany had suffered tremendously by the reparations set by the Treaty of Versailles, that was issued by the League of Nations. Once Hitler was elected Chancellor of

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Germany he slowly started to rebuild the German empire. One way to do this was invading and to remilitarize the Rhineland. The Rhine land was taken away due to the Treaty of Versailles and by taking it back would go against the League of Nations. However once Hitler heard about the League weakness he knew that no one would stop him. So in 1936 Hitler took control of the Rhineland, ~~pro~~ He did this due to the message that was sent by the Japanese army when they <sup>ignored</sup> ~~ignored~~ the League. Mussolini also invaded Abyssinia, modern day Ethiopia which again went against the League. Again this was only done due to the Japanese army exposing the League.

To conclude the 1931 Japanese Invasion of Manchuria was definitely a well planned and executed attack that helped their nation expand its empire. The many causes lead to many ~~to~~ short and long term consequences that would ultimately lead to a spark of a new world war.

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### **Merit Exemplar 1 – (M5)**

#### **Japanese invasion of Manchuria**

This essay has the detail required for a Merit grade. Supporting evidence, including the use of names of people and places as well as an occasional statistic help provide this detail. The detail in the evidence and examples show a clear understanding. The essay is well structured. The information in each paragraph is clearly signalled with a good topic sentence. The final sentence in each paragraph briefly summarises the reason why it caused the event, or what was particularly significant about the consequence.