



History route 2

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

Monday 9 May 2016 (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 **[20 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.
- Questions in this paper must be answered with reference to events and developments in the 20th century.
- Where the word region is used in questions in this paper, it refers, unless otherwise defined, to the four regions which are the basis of the regional studies for higher level paper 3.



Topic 1 Causes, practices and effects of wars

1. To what extent did ideology contribute to the outbreak **and** expansion of the Second World War up to 1941?
2. To what extent were territorial changes a significant consequence of 20th century wars?
3. Discuss the significance of air **and** sea power in determining the outcome of **one** 20th century war.
4. To what extent did the Nationalists' failure to resolve economic crises contribute to their defeat in the Chinese Civil War (1946–1949)?
5. "The causes of the Gulf War (1991) were mainly economic." Discuss.
6. With reference to **two** countries, each from a different region, examine the social impact of war during the second half of the 20th century.

Topic 2 Democratic states — challenges and responses

7. Evaluate the role of political parties in establishing full democracy in South Africa between 1991 and 2000.
8. With reference to **two** 20th century democratic states, each from a different region, evaluate how effectively coalition governments addressed domestic issues.
9. With reference to **either** France under de Gaulle (1959–1969) **or** Argentina under Alfonsin and Menem (1983–1995), to what extent did the country experience economic success but political failure?
10. Evaluate the impact of Johnson's (1963–1969) social welfare legislation in the United States.
11. Evaluate the challenges presented by ethnicity and religion in **one** democratic state in the 20th century.
12. Compare and contrast the impact of pressure (interest/lobby) groups in **two** 20th century democratic states.

Topic 3 Origins and development of authoritarian and single-party states

13. Examine the reasons for, and the extent of, support for Hitler up to the end of January 1933.
14. With reference to **two** single-party/authoritarian leaders, each from a different region, evaluate how successfully they established totalitarian control.
15. With reference to **two** authoritarian/single-party states, to what extent did successful domestic policies help to combat internal opposition?
16. Evaluate the methods used by **either** Mao or Castro to establish his regime.
17. Examine the impact of Stalin on education in the Soviet Union.
18. “Authoritarian regimes encouraged women to work but did not give them equal status with men.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian regimes.

Topic 4 Nationalist and independence movements in Africa and Asia and post-1945 Central and Eastern European states

19. With reference to Africa **and** Asia, discuss the importance of political ideology in the development of two nationalist/independence movements.
20. To what extent did the First World War contribute to the growth of the Indian independence movement?
21. To what extent did **either** Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam) **or** Nkrumah (Ghana) exploit dissatisfaction with colonial rule in order to secure his country's independence?
22. Evaluate the methods used to achieve independence from Soviet control in **one** Central/Eastern European state.
23. To what extent did the absence of strong leadership contribute to the dissolution of Yugoslavia?
24. “Political repression and economic failure led to the growth of movements challenging Soviet control in Eastern European states.” Discuss.

Topic 5 The Cold War

25. To what extent did mutual fear and suspicion contribute to the development of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949?
 26. With reference to the period from 1953 to 1991, evaluate the impact of Germany on the Cold War.
 27. Examine the reasons for changes in Sino-Soviet relations between 1956 and 1976.
 28. To what extent did arms limitation treaties between the United States and the Soviet Union improve relations during the period from 1969 to 1991?
 29. Examine the economic and cultural impact of the Cold War on **one** state.
 30. “Reagan and Gorbachev made an equal contribution to the end of the Cold War.” Discuss.
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