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HISTORY
ROUTE 2
HIGHER LEVEL
PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS

Monday 17 November 2014 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions. Each question is worth *[20 marks]*.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[60 marks]*.



Independence movements

1. Compare and contrast the causes of **two** independence movements in the Americas.
2. Evaluate the economic and social impact of independence in **one** country of the Americas between 1770 and 1830.

Nation-building and challenges

3. “The US Constitution of 1787 was a bundle of compromises.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Evaluate the challenges to the establishment of a political system in **one** newly independent Latin American country between 1800 and 1850.

United States Civil War: causes, course and effects 1840–1877

5. Evaluate the methods and effectiveness of slave resistance in the southern United States from 1800 to 1860.
6. “The issue of states’ rights was the major reason for the secession of the Southern states.” To what extent do you agree with this view?

The development of modern nations 1865–1929

7. Evaluate the successes and failures of Theodore Roosevelt’s domestic policies (1901–1909).
8. Examine the consequences of immigration for **one** country of the Americas from 1865 to 1929.

Emergence of the Americas in global affairs 1880–1929

9. Examine the effects of the Spanish–American War (1898) on **both** Cuba and the United States.

10. Examine the impact of the First World War on the foreign policy of **two** countries of the Americas up to 1929.

The Mexican Revolution 1910–1940

11. “Political factors were more important than economic factors in causing the Mexican Revolution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

12. “As a Mexican revolutionary leader, Francisco Madero’s policies led to more achievements than failures.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The Great Depression and the Americas 1929–1939

13. Discuss the causes of the Great Depression in **one** country of the Americas.

14. With reference to **one** Latin American country, examine the effectiveness of its response to economic problems between 1929 and 1939.

The Second World War and the Americas 1933–1945

15. To what extent could the United States be considered neutral from 1935 to 7 December 1941?

16. Examine the economic effects of the Second World War on **one** country of the Americas until 1945.

Political developments in the Americas after the Second World War 1945–1979

- 17.** Examine the achievements of Eisenhower's domestic policies (1953–1961).
- 18.** To what extent were social issues the major cause of the Cuban Revolution of the 1950s?

The Cold War and the Americas 1945–1981

- 19.** Evaluate the impact of Jimmy Carter's human rights policies on Latin America's relationship with the United States.
- 20.** Discuss the factors which influenced the foreign policy of either Canada or one Latin American country between 1945 and 1960.

Civil rights and social movements in the Americas

- 21.** Examine the reasons for, and the success of, Native Americans' (indigenous people's) increased demand for civil rights in one country of the Americas after 1945.
- 22.** To what extent was the Civil Rights Movement successful in ending segregation in the South between 1955 and 1965?

Into the 21st century—from the 1980s to 2000

- 23.** Compare and contrast the foreign policies of Reagan and Clinton.
- 24.** Examine the efforts in the Americas to address threats to the environment during the period 1980 to 2000.