



**History**  
**Higher level and standard level**  
**Paper 2**

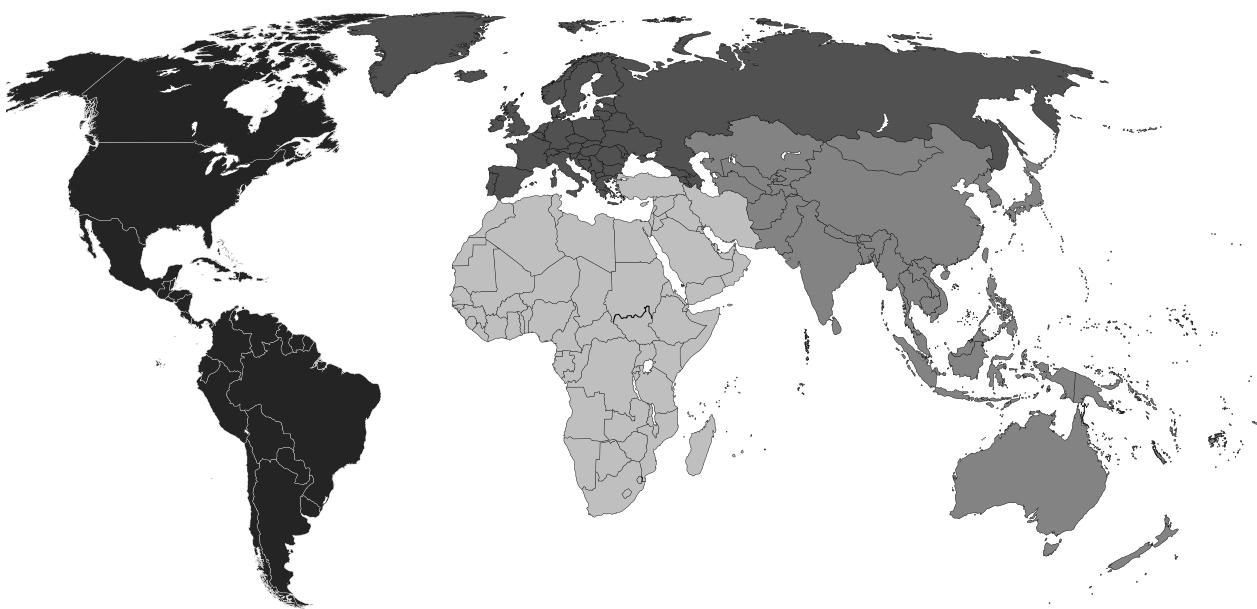
Friday 10 November 2017 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

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**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: Europe, Asia and Oceania, the Americas, and Africa and the Middle East.



**Topic 1 Society and economy (750–1400)**

1. With reference to **two** societies, evaluate the factors that were most effective in the transmission of ideas and cultures.
2. With reference to **two** societies, compare and contrast the treatment of religious minorities.

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

3. With reference to **two** wars, to what extent do you agree that competition for resources was the main factor contributing to the outbreak of conflict?
4. “Taxation was the most effective means of raising an army.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars, each from a different region.

**Topic 3 Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)**

5. To what extent were **two** rulers successful in achieving their aims?
6. “Governing institutions relied more on religious law than on secular law.” Discuss with reference to **two** dynastic states.

**Topic 4 Societies in transition (1400–1700)**

7. Evaluate the significance of **two** intellectual/scientific figures.
8. Evaluate the methods used to achieve religious expansion and conversion in **two** societies.

**Topic 5 Early Modern states (1450–1789)**

9. Compare and contrast the methods of government in **two** established states.
10. “The political organization of colonial states was mainly influenced by the relationship between the state and religion.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.

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

11. Evaluate the importance of leadership in determining the outcome of **two** Early Modern wars.
12. Evaluate the social **and** religious impact of **one** Early Modern war.

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

13. To what extent did industrialization in **two** countries rely upon developments in transportation?
14. Discuss the impact of urbanization on **two** industrialized states.

**Topic 8 Independence movements (1800–2000)**

15. To what extent did external factors rather than internal factors contribute to the growth of **two** independence movements?
16. “Strong leadership was essential to the success of independence movements.” Discuss with reference to **two** independence movements, each from a different region.

**Topic 9 Evolution and development of democratic states (1848–2000)**

17. Evaluate the impact of domestic crises on the development of **two** democratic states.
18. “The maintenance of democracy was dependent on freedom of expression in the arts and media.” Discuss with reference to **two** democratic states, each from a different region.

**Topic 10 Authoritarian states (20th century)**

19. To what extent did economic factors contribute to the emergence of **two** authoritarian states, each from a different region?
20. “The maintenance of power was dependent on the successful control of opposition.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian leaders.

**Topic 11 Causes and effects of 20th-century wars**

21. Evaluate the impact of the mobilization of human **and** economic resources upon the outcome of **one** 20th-century war.
22. Evaluate the impact of **two** 20th-century wars on the role and status of women.

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

23. “Confrontation rather than reconciliation ended the Cold War.” Discuss with reference to the period from 1980 to 1991.
  24. Evaluate the impact of **two** leaders, each from a different region, on the course of the Cold War.
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