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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.

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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?

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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.

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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.