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History Higher level Paper 3 – history of Africa and the Middle East

11 May 2023

Zone A morning | Zone B afternoon | Zone C morning

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer any three questions.
- Each question is worth [15 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [45 marks].

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Section 1: The 'Abbasid dynasty (750–1258)

- **1.** "Military weakness was responsible for the fall of the Umayyads." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **2.** Examine the reasons for the development of the Golden Age of Islam.

Section 2: The Fatimids (909–1171)

- **3.** To what extent were economic factors mainly responsible for the foundation of the Fatimid dynasty?
- **4.** "The most important reason for the success of the Fatimid Empire was effective leadership." Discuss with reference to **two** of the following: al-Mu'izz (953–975); al-Hakim (996–1021); al-Mustansir (1036–1094).

Section 3: The Crusades (1095–1291)

- **5.** "Superior tactics were the main reason for the success of the First Crusade." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **6.** Evaluate the impact of the Crusades on the Byzantine Empire.

Section 4: The Ottomans (1281–1566)

- **7.** Evaluate the effects of the foundation of the Ottoman Empire on Europe.
- 8. Compare and contrast the contribution of **two** of the following to the power of the Ottoman Empire: Mehmet II (1451–1481); Selim I (1512–1520); Suleiman the Magnificent (1520–1566).

Section 5: Trade and the rise and decline of African states and empires (800–1600)

- **9.** To what extent was the Almoravid jihad the main reason for the decline of the Ghana Empire?
- **10.** Evaluate the impact of the Indian Ocean trade on the emergence of a cosmopolitan Swahili culture.

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Section 6: Pre-colonial African states (1800–1900)

- **11.** Examine the importance of Usman Dan Fodio's actions to the rise of the Sokoto Caliphate.
- **12.** "British intervention was the main reason for the emergence of the Mahdist State in Sudan." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 7: The slave trade in Africa and the Middle East (1500–1900)

- **13.** "Rivalry between African states was the main reason for the expansion of the Atlantic slave trade." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **14.** Examine the contribution of the rise of legitimate commerce to the decline of the Atlantic slave trade in the 19th century.

Section 8: European imperialism and the partition of Africa (1850–1900)

- **15.** Evaluate the significance of missionaries and explorers to the growth of European activity in Africa.
- **16.** Compare and contrast the consequences of the activities of King Leopold II of Belgium and De Brazza in the Congo region.

Section 9: Response to European imperialism (1870–1920)

- **17.** "German military power was the main reason for the failure of Herero and Nama resistance in Namibia." Discuss.
- **18.** Examine the reasons for the Asante resistance to British intervention in the 19th century.

Section 10: Africa under colonialism (1890–1980)

- **19.** "Economic and social developments in Kenya under British rule up to 1963 were mainly negative." Discuss.
- **20.** Evaluate the impact of German and British rule in Tanganyika up to 1961.

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Section 11: 20th-century nationalist and independence movements in Africa

- **21.** Evaluate the impact of external factors on the liberation war in Angola.
- **22.** Examine the contribution of Nkrumah and the Convention People's Party (CPP) to the achievement of independence in Ghana in 1957.

Section 12: The Ottoman Empire (c1800–1923)

- **23.** "Economic factors were the main reason for the Ottoman's weak response to European challenges in the second half of the 19th century." Discuss.
- **24.** "Political repression was the main reason for the growth of the Committee of Union and Progress up to 1909." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 13: War and change in the Middle East and North Africa 1914–1945

- **25.** Discuss the reasons for, and the results of, the mandate system in Iraq and Transjordan.
- **26.** Examine the political and economic developments up to 1945 in **one** of the following: Iran; Saudi Arabia; **or** a North African state.

Section 14: Africa, international organizations and the international community (20th century)

- **27.** Evaluate the impact of the failure of the League of Nations to deal with Italian aggression in Abyssinia.
- **28.** Evaluate the effectiveness of the policies of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Section 15: Developments in South Africa 1880–1994

- **29.** Discuss the view that strategic reasons were the main cause of the South African War (1899–1902).
- **30.** Evaluate the reasons for the National Party election victory in 1948.

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Section 16: Social and cultural developments in Africa in the 19th and 20th centuries

- **31.** Compare and contrast the reasons for the spread of Islam and Christianity in Africa in the 19th century.
- **32.** "Colonialism brought limited educational benefits to Africa." Discuss with reference to **two** countries.

Section 17: Post-war developments in the Middle East (1945–2000)

- **33.** Evaluate the effects of the Six Day War for Israel.
- **34.** "Nasser's social and economic policies were mostly beneficial for Egypt." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 18: Post-independence politics in Africa to 2005

- **35.** To what extent were economic problems the main cause of ethnic conflict in **two** African countries after independence?
- **36.** Evaluate the success of the return to multi-party democracy in the 1980s and 1990s in **two** African countries.