

SMARTWIZ

GRADE10 HISTORY EXAM

MARKS: 100

MARKS	

TIME: 2 hours

SCHOOL _____

CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

NAME _____

Instructions for Learners:

- Read all the instructions carefully before you begin the exam.
- Write your name and learner number clearly on the answer sheet/booklet.
- Answer all the questions unless otherwise instructed.
- Show all your work/calculations where applicable.
- Write neatly and legibly.
- Use only blue or black ink. *Do not use correction fluid or tape.*
- No electronic devices (calculators, phones, etc.) are allowed unless explicitly permitted.
- Raise your hand if you have any questions.
- Do not talk to other learners during the exam.
- Any form of cheating will lead to disqualification.

This test consists of 6 pages including the cover page.

SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (10 × 1 = 10 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer and write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number.

1.1 The immediate cause of World War I was: A. Treaty of Versailles
B. Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
C. Invasion of Poland
D. The Cold War

1.2 Which of the following countries was NOT part of the Allied Powers during World War II? A. Britain
B. USA
C. Germany
D. Soviet Union

1.3 The League of Nations was established to: A. Encourage imperialism
B. Prevent wars through diplomacy
C. Promote colonization
D. Expand military alliances

1.4 Who was the leader of the Soviet Union during World War II? A. Lenin
B. Khrushchev
C. Stalin
D. Gorbachev

1.5 Which one of the following was a result of World War I? A. Formation of NATO
B. Creation of the United Nations
C. Russian Revolution
D. Civil Rights Act

1.6 Apartheid officially began in: A. 1945
B. 1950
C. 1948
D. 1961

1.7 Which group was founded in 1912 to fight racial discrimination in South Africa? A. UDF
B. PAC
C. ANC
D. SACP

1.8 Which treaty ended World War I? A. Treaty of Versailles
B. Treaty of Berlin
C. Paris Accord
D. Yalta Agreement

1.9 The Berlin Wall was built to: A. Unite East and West Germany
B. Prevent Soviet expansion
C. Divide East and West Berlin
D. Protect Germany from invasion

- 1.10 Which year did World War II begin? A. 1937
B. 1939
C. 1941
D. 1945

✓ [10 MARKS]

SECTION B: MATCHING ITEMS (5 × 1 = 5 MARKS)

Match Column A with Column B. Write only the number and the correct letter.

Column A	Column B
2.1 Treaty of Versailles	A. Start of World War II
2.2 Adolf Hitler	B. Ended WWI, blamed Germany
2.3 Pearl Harbor	C. US joined WWII
2.4 Cold War	D. Tension between capitalist and communist states
2.5 Nelson Mandela	E. First black South African president

- 2.1 _____
2.2 _____
2.3 _____
2.4 _____
2.5 _____

✓ [5 MARKS]

SECTION C: TRUE OR FALSE (5 × 1 = 5 MARKS)

Write TRUE or FALSE. If the statement is FALSE, correct it.

- 3.1 The Cold War involved direct warfare between the USA and USSR.

- 3.2 World War II ended in 1945.

- 3.3 Apartheid laws were passed in South Africa before 1948.

- 3.4 The League of Nations was a failure.

3.5 Steve Biko led the armed wing of the ANC.

✓ [5 MARKS]

SECTION D: SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)

QUESTION 4: WORLD WAR II (15 MARKS) Use the given source (text/image/chart) to answer the following:

4.1 Name the two main alliances in World War II. (2)

4.2 What event caused the USA to enter the war? (2)

4.3 Explain how the Treaty of Versailles contributed to the rise of Hitler. (3)

4.4 Mention two impacts of World War II on Europe. (4)

4.5 Explain how the war led to the formation of the United Nations. (4)

QUESTION 5: THE APARTHEID ERA (15 MARKS) 5.1 Define apartheid. (2)

5.2 Mention any two apartheid laws. (2)

5.3 Give two reasons for the formation of the Black Consciousness Movement. (2)

5.4 Explain the international response to apartheid. (4)

5.5 How did apartheid affect education for black South Africans? (5)

✓ [30 MARKS]

SECTION E: ESSAY (50 MARKS)

Answer ONE of the following questions.

QUESTION 6: WORLD WAR II

Write an essay on the causes and consequences of World War II. Your essay should include:

- Long-term and short-term causes
- Key events of the war
- Impact on civilians
- Political and economic effects globally

✓ [50 MARKS]

OR

QUESTION 7: END OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

Write an essay on the events leading to the end of apartheid in South Africa. Your essay should include:

- Internal resistance
- Role of international community
- Important leaders and negotiations
- 1994 elections and democratic government

✓ [50 MARKS]

TOTAL: 100 MARKS

MEMO**SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (10 × 1 = 10 MARKS)**

- 1.1 B ✓
- 1.2 C ✓
- 1.3 B ✓
- 1.4 C ✓
- 1.5 C ✓
- 1.6 C ✓
- 1.7 C ✓
- 1.8 A ✓
- 1.9 C ✓
- 1.10 B ✓

✓ [10 MARKS]

SECTION B: MATCHING ITEMS (5 × 1 = 5 MARKS)

- 2.1 B ✓
- 2.2 A ✓
- 2.3 C ✓
- 2.4 D ✓
- 2.5 E ✓

✓ [5 MARKS]

SECTION C: TRUE OR FALSE (5 × 1 = 5 MARKS)

- 3.1 FALSE – The Cold War did not involve direct warfare between the USA and USSR ✓
- 3.2 TRUE ✓
- 3.3 FALSE – Apartheid laws were officially passed after 1948 ✓
- 3.4 TRUE ✓
- 3.5 FALSE – Steve Biko was not part of the ANC; he led the Black Consciousness Movement ✓

✓ [5 MARKS]

SECTION D: SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS (30 MARKS)

QUESTION 4: WORLD WAR II

- 4.1 Allies and Axis Powers ✓ (2)
- 4.2 Attack on Pearl Harbor ✓ (2)
- 4.3 Treaty blamed Germany; led to economic hardship and resentment which Hitler exploited ✓ (3)
- 4.4 Destruction of infrastructure; displacement of people ✓ (4)
- 4.5 Failure of League of Nations; desire to prevent future wars; UN was formed to maintain peace ✓ (4)

QUESTION 5: THE APARTHEID ERA

- 5.1 System of institutionalized racial segregation and discrimination ✓ (2)
- 5.2 Group Areas Act; Pass Laws ✓ (2)
- 5.3 Promote black pride; reject white domination ✓ (2)
- 5.4 Sanctions, global protests, sports boycotts ✓ (4)
- 5.5 Inferior Bantu Education; lack of resources; underqualified teachers; overcrowding; restricted curriculum ✓ (5)

✓ [30 MARKS]

SECTION E: ESSAY (50 MARKS)**QUESTION 6: WORLD WAR II**

Marking criteria:

- Introduction: 4 marks
- Causes (e.g. Treaty of Versailles, rise of fascism, appeasement): 12 marks
- Key events (e.g. invasions, alliances, atomic bombs): 12 marks
- Impact on civilians (casualties, bombings, Holocaust): 10 marks
- Global consequences (UN formation, Cold War): 8 marks
- Conclusion: 4 marks

OR

QUESTION 7: END OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

Marking criteria:

- Introduction: 4 marks
- Internal resistance (e.g. ANC, UDF, protests): 12 marks
- International response (e.g. sanctions, global pressure): 10 marks
- Role of leaders (e.g. Mandela, De Klerk): 12 marks
- Outcome (1994 elections, democracy): 8 marks
- Conclusion: 4 marks

✓ [50 MARKS]

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