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HISTORY
ROUTE 2
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PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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]*.



The French Revolution and Napoleon—mid 18th century to 1815

1. Discuss the reasons for the Thermidorean Reaction (1794–1795).
2. Examine the reasons for the collapse of the Napoleonic Empire (1812–1815).

Unification and consolidation of Germany and Italy 1815–1890

3. “By 1862 the necessary conditions for German unification under Prussian leadership were in place.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Discuss which Italian leader played the most important role in the unification of Italy.

Ottoman Empire from the early 19th to the early 20th century

5. Examine the reasons why the European Powers intervened in the campaigns of Muhammad Ali between 1827 and 1841.
6. Examine the importance of the Balkan Wars (1912–1913) in the decline of the Ottoman Empire.

Western and Northern Europe 1848–1914

7. “The Boulanger affair showed the weakness of the Third French Republic.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Examine the effects of the Second and Third Reform Acts on British political parties.

Imperial Russia, revolutions, emergence of Soviet State 1853–1924

9. To what extent did Alexander II’s reforms improve the lives of the Russian peasantry?
10. Evaluate the factors that enabled Lenin to ensure the survival of the Soviet State.

European diplomacy and the First World War 1870–1923

11. Examine the importance of global colonial rivalry as a cause of the outbreak of the First World War in 1914.
12. “German military and diplomatic errors were responsible for the defeat of the Central Powers in 1918.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

War and change in the Middle East 1914–1949

13. Evaluate the impact of actions by European Powers on the problems in Palestine in the years 1914 to 1939.
14. “Reza Khan’s modernization policies had limited success up to 1941.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Interwar years: conflict and cooperation 1919–1939

15. “Collective security failed because of the weakness of the League of Nations.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
16. Evaluate the impact of Hitler’s social and economic policies in Germany up to 1939.

The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe 1924–2000

17. Examine the ways and the extent to which **two** countries in Eastern Europe (excluding East Germany) experienced liberation between 1944 and 1948.
18. Examine the role played by the Cold War in shaping Brezhnev’s foreign policy.

The Second World War and post-war Western Europe 1939–2000

19. Evaluate the reasons why the Allies were victorious in Europe in 1945.
20. Examine the factors that led to German reunification in 1990.

Post-war developments in the Middle East 1945–2000

21. Examine the role played by the confessional state in the outbreak of the civil war in Lebanon in 1975.
22. Compare and contrast the nature and consequences of the 1967 and 1973 Arab–Israeli conflicts.

Social and economic developments in Europe and the Middle East in the 19th or 20th century

23. Evaluate the reasons for changes to the suffrage in any **one** country you have studied.
 24. Examine the reasons for changes in social welfare policy over a fifty year period in any **one** country you have studied.
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