

History route 2

Higher level and standard level

Paper 2

Friday 15 May 2015 (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 **[20 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.
- Questions in this paper must be answered with reference to events and developments in the 20th century.
- Where the word region is used in questions in this paper, it refers, unless otherwise defined, to the four regions which are the basis of the regional studies for higher level paper 3.



Topic 1 Causes, practices and effects of wars

1. To what extent did total war become the norm during the 20th century?
2. Evaluate the role of technology in prolonging the First World War.
3. Examine the role of revolutionary movements in causing any **two** conflicts.
4. Compare and contrast the causes of the Nigerian Civil War (1967–1970) and the Nicaraguan Revolution (1976–1979).
5. To what extent was the peace settlement following the Algerian War (1954–1962) successful?
6. Examine the view that economic problems were the longest lasting results of 20th century wars.

Topic 2 Democratic states — challenges and responses

7. To what extent were the actions of political parties more important than economic factors in the collapse of Weimar Germany?
8. To what extent were social **and** economic challenges effectively confronted in **either** Japan (1945–1952) **or** the United States (1953–1973)?
9. Examine the success of policies promoting **either** health **or** gender equality in **two** democratic states, each chosen from a different region.
10. Evaluate how effectively the rights of ethnic **and** religious minorities have been protected in **two** democratic states.
11. To what extent was the successful establishment of democracy in South Africa matched by social **and** economic change?
12. “Stable democratic states rely on a strong party system and an effective opposition.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Topic 3 Origins and development of authoritarian and single-party states

13. Examine the importance of economic conditions in the rise to power of **two** authoritarian/single-party leaders.

14. “Popular support, rather than the use of force, was vital to the establishment of single-party states.” With reference to **two** states, each chosen from a different region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

15. Examine the view that internal opposition to Hitler had little impact.

16. To what extent did the economic policies of **either** Mao **or** Castro contribute to the maintenance of his power?

17. To what extent did authoritarian and single-party leaders have a negative effect on the arts?

18. With reference to **either** Peron **or** Nasser, to what extent do you agree that his economic policies failed?

Topic 4 Nationalist and independence movements in Africa and Asia and post-1945 Central and Eastern European states

19. Compare and contrast the reasons for opposition to French colonial rule in Algeria and Indochina.
20. With reference to **one** African country **and one** Asian country, to what extent was the achievement of independence in colonial states determined by the ideologies of their nationalist leaders?
21. Evaluate the importance of **either** Gandhi (India) **or** Nkrumah (Ghana) to their country's struggle for independence from colonial rule.
22. Evaluate the threat posed by opposition groups to Soviet control in **one** country in Central/Eastern Europe between 1968 and 1989.
23. To what extent were religious issues the main cause of the dissolution of Yugoslavia?
24. Examine the changes in social **and** cultural conditions since independence in **one** post-colonial African **or** Asian state.

Topic 5 The Cold War

25. Evaluate the successes and failures of the Marshall Plan.
 26. Evaluate the influence of Cold War tensions on **two** military conflicts, each chosen from a different region.
 27. “Truman caused the Cold War and, in 1962, Kennedy resolved its greatest crisis.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 28. Evaluate the reasons why **two** nations, each chosen from a different region, joined the Non-Aligned Movement.
 29. Examine the internal **and** external factors that led to the establishment of the Warsaw Pact.
 30. Examine the social **and** cultural impact of the breakdown of Soviet control in any state you have studied in Central/Eastern Europe.
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