

History route 2
Higher level
Paper 3 – aspects of the history of the Americas

Monday 18 May 2015 (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]**.



Independence movements

1. “It was the growing resentment of the Creoles toward peninsular Spaniards that encouraged wars of independence in Latin America.” With reference to **one** country in the Americas (excluding Cuba), to what extent do you agree with this statement?
2. Examine the influence of political ideas on the nature of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Nation-building and challenges

3. “Independence delivered sovereignty without stability.” With reference to **one** country in Latin America in the first half of the 19th century, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. “The constitution of 1787 produced a radical change in the US political system.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

United States Civil War: causes, course and effects 1840–1877

5. “The problems associated with westward expansion were the most significant causes of the US Civil War.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. Compare and contrast the effectiveness of **one** Union and **one** Confederate military leader during the US Civil War.

The development of modern nations 1865–1929

7. Examine the causes of immigration to **two** countries of the Americas between 1865 and 1929.
8. Evaluate the impact of Social Darwinism on any **two** countries of the Americas during the period 1865 to 1929.

Emergence of the Americas in global affairs 1880–1929

9. “The US fought the Spanish–American War of 1898 to obtain Cuba’s freedom from Spain.”
To what extent do you agree with this statement?

10. “The impact of the First World War was largely positive.” With reference to **one** country in the Americas (excluding the US), to what extent do you agree with this statement?

The Mexican Revolution 1910–1940

11. Compare and contrast the aims **and** methods of Villa and Zapata in the Mexican Revolution.

12. Examine the impact of the educational reforms of Vasconcelos.

The Great Depression and the Americas 1929–1939

13. To what extent did **either** Vargas in Brazil **or** the Concordancia in Argentina successfully resolve the problems caused by the Great Depression?

14. To what extent was Franklin D Roosevelt’s response to the Great Depression conservative rather than radical?

The Second World War and the Americas 1933–1945

15. Examine the significance of the diplomatic **or** military role of **two** countries in the Americas during the Second World War.

16. To what extent was the use of the atomic bomb in the Second World War a political rather than a military decision?

Political developments in the Americas after the Second World War 1945–1979

17. To what extent were domestic political factors in Cuba the main cause of the Cuban Revolution?
18. Examine the extent to which Trudeau’s domestic policies as Canadian prime minister (1968–1979) were successful.

The Cold War and the Americas 1945–1981

19. Examine the reasons for, and methods of, US intervention in Chile in the early 1970s.
20. Evaluate the factors that influenced US military intervention in Korea.

Civil rights and social movements in the Americas

21. Evaluate the contribution of **either** Dr Martin Luther King **or** Malcolm X to the Civil Rights Movement.
22. Examine the extent to which the native peoples of **one** country of the Americas advanced their civil rights after 1945.

Into the 21st century — from the 1980s to 2000

23. Evaluate the successes and failures of Reagan’s foreign policy in the Americas.
 24. To what extent did **one** country in Latin America successfully meet the challenges it faced when restoring democracy during the period 1980 to 2000?
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