

**History route 2**  
**Higher level**  
**Paper 3 – aspects of the history of Europe and the Middle East**

Monday 14 November 2016 (afternoon)

2 hours 30 minutes

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**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. “Failure to solve the political challenges of the *ancien régime* caused the French Revolution.” Discuss.
2. “Napoleon’s domestic and foreign policies underwent major change after his coronation as Emperor in 1804.” Discuss.

### **Unification and consolidation of Germany and Italy 1815–1890**

3. To what extent did Mazzini’s ideology contribute to Italian unification?
4. Discuss the objectives of Bismarck’s foreign policy between 1871 and 1890.

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

5. Discuss the causes of the Greek War of Independence.
6. Discuss the causes of the Balkan Wars of 1912 to 1913.

### **Western and Northern Europe 1848–1914**

7. Evaluate the impact of the Dreyfus affair in France.
8. Evaluate the successes and failures of Gladstone’s domestic policies between 1868 and 1894.

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

9. Evaluate the economic and political impact of the domestic policies of Nicholas II between 1894 and 1914.
10. “The political and military weaknesses of the Whites led to Bolshevik victory in the Russian Civil War.” Discuss.

**European diplomacy and the First World War 1870–1923**

11. To what extent did the Alliance System contribute to the outbreak of the First World War?
12. “Economic factors determined the outcome of the First World War.” Discuss.

**War and change in the Middle East 1914–1949**

13. Evaluate the factors that led to the creation of the State of Israel.
14. Evaluate the nature of Reza Shah’s regime (1925–1941).

**Interwar years: conflict and cooperation 1919–1939**

15. Examine the social and economic impact on Italy of Mussolini’s domestic policies.
16. “By 1929, the Weimar Republic had overcome the problems of the immediate post-war years.” Discuss.

**The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe 1924–2000**

17. Discuss the impact of the purges in the Soviet Union.
18. Compare and contrast the foreign policies of Khrushchev and Brezhnev.

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

19. “While there was limited political change, there was significant economic development in Spain in the period from 1939 to 1975.” Discuss.
20. With reference to **one** Western European state (excluding Germany and Spain), discuss the main aspects of domestic policy in the years from 1945 to 2000.

**Post-war developments in the Middle East 1945–2000**

21. Compare and contrast the domestic policies of Nasser and Sadat.
22. “The issue of the Occupied Territories was the major obstacle to peace in the period up to 2000.” Discuss.

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

23. With reference to **one** country of the region discuss the reasons for its changing social structure over a period of approximately fifty years.
  24. With reference to **one** country of the region, evaluate the causes of urbanization during a period of approximately fifty years.
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