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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of Europe

Wednesday 5 May 2021 (morning)

1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different section.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.

Section 1: Monarchies in England and France (1066–1223)

1. “Henry II’s campaigns in Europe were defensive rather than aggressive.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
2. Compare and contrast the changing nature of government in France and England.

Section 2: Muslims and Jews in medieval Europe (1095–1492)

3. “The conflict between Christians and Muslims led to the loss of cultural and intellectual diversity.” Discuss.
4. Evaluate the role of the Black Death in the persecution of Jews in medieval Europe.

Section 3: Late medieval political crises (1300–1487)

5. “Weak government was the main cause of the deposition of Edward II.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. “Louis XI successfully dealt with the challenges to his power.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 4: The Renaissance (c1400–1600)

7. Evaluate the contribution of social and political factors to the development of the Renaissance in Florence.
8. Evaluate the role of papal patronage in promoting the arts.

Section 5: The Age of Exploration and its impact (1400–1550)

9. Examine the consequences of Portuguese exploration of the west coast of Africa for European states.
10. “The impact of the ‘Columbian Exchange’ on Europe was positive.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 6: Aspects of the Reformation (c1500–1563)

11. Evaluate the contribution of the printing press in spreading Lutheran ideas in Germany.
12. “The response of the Catholic Church to the Reformation was successful.” Discuss.

Section 7: Absolutism and Enlightenment (1650–1800)

13. Evaluate the achievements of the Scientific Revolution during the Enlightenment.
14. “Agricultural change in the Enlightenment era was socially and economically beneficial.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 8: The French Revolution and Napoleon I (1774–1815)

15. “Fear of foreign intervention had a great impact on the French Revolution.” Discuss with reference to the period between 1792 and 1794.
16. “The opposition of Britain was the most significant factor in the collapse of Napoleon I’s empire.” Discuss.

Section 9: France (1815–1914)

17. “The Second Republic collapsed because it lacked popular support.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
18. Evaluate the reasons that led to the political stability of the Third Republic by 1877.

Section 10: Society, politics and economy in Britain and Ireland (1815–1914)

19. Evaluate the reasons for, and the consequences of, the electoral Reform Acts of 1832–1868.
20. To what extent was democracy in Britain and Ireland protected by the Parliament Act?

Section 11: Italy (1815–1871) and Germany (1815–1890)

21. Examine the impact of the Congress of Vienna on Germany.
22. “Cavour was the most significant figure in the unification of Italy by 1871.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 12: Imperial Russia, revolution and the establishment of the Soviet Union (1855–1924)

23. To what extent do you agree that Alexander II was the Tsar Liberator?
24. Evaluate the reasons for the overthrow of the Provisional Government in October/November 1917.

Section 13: Europe and the First World War (1871–1918)

25. Evaluate the impact of imperial expansion in Africa and Asia on European diplomacy.
26. To what extent did domestic instability in the Central Powers contribute to their defeat in 1918?

Section 14: Inter-war domestic developments in European states (1918–1939)

27. Discuss the factors that allowed the Weimar Republic to survive the political and economic challenges it faced between 1918 and 1924.
28. To what extent had Mussolini established a totalitarian state before the outbreak of the Second World War?

Section 15: Diplomacy in Europe (1919–1945)

29. Discuss the nature and impact of the treaties of St Germain and Trianon.
30. “The Great Depression caused the collapse of collective security.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 16: The Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia (1924–2000)

31. Discuss the political and economic impact of the Great Patriotic War (1941–1945) in the Soviet Union.
32. Evaluate the impact of Gorbachev’s policies on the Soviet Union.

Section 17: Post-war western and northern Europe (1945–2000)

33. “The major impact of the Marshall Plan was to put European countries under US control.” Discuss.
34. Evaluate the social and economic developments in Spain between 1982 and 2000.

Section 18: Post-war central and eastern Europe (1945–2000)

35. Discuss the reasons for the establishment of COMECON and the Warsaw Pact.
 36. Compare and contrast the impact of opposition to Soviet control in **two** countries between 1968 and 1989.
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