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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

Thursday 4 November 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: Indigenous societies and cultures in the Americas (c750–1500)

1. “Local authorities were more effective than state authorities in controlling the population.” Discuss.
2. Evaluate the significance of unwritten language in **two** indigenous societies.

Section 2: European explorations and conquests in the Americas (c1492–c1600)

3. Compare and contrast French and British exploration in North America.
4. Evaluate the impact of Bartolomé de las Casas on the treatment of indigenous peoples in the Americas.

Section 3: Colonial government in the New World (1500–1800)

5. Evaluate the importance of the captaincy system to the political organization in Spanish America.
6. Discuss the economic impact of mita and *encomienda* in Spanish America.

Section 4: Religion in the New World (1500–1800)

7. “Religious syncretism greatly contributed to the survival of indigenous religions.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Examine the political impact of the Great Awakening c1720–c1760.

Section 5: Slavery and the New World (1500–1800)

9. Examine the social impact of slavery in the New World.
10. Compare and contrast the social structures on plantations in **two** of the following: West Indies, Brazil or the southern colonies of British America.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. Evaluate the importance of foreign intervention in **one** independence movement in the Americas.
12. Examine the importance of Washington’s military contributions to the achievement of US independence.

Section 7: Nation-building and challenges (c1780–c1870)

13. “The outcome of the War of 1812 had a greater impact on the United States than on British North America.” Discuss.
14. Evaluate the causes of the Mexican–American War (1846–1848).

Section 8: US Civil War: causes, course and effects (1840–1877)

15. “Economic differences between the North and the South were more significant than slavery to the outbreak of the Civil War.” Discuss.
16. Compare and contrast presidential and congressional plans for Reconstruction.

Section 9: The development of modern nations (1865–1929)

17. “Neocolonialism created a new form of dependency for modern nations.” Discuss with reference to **two** Latin American nations.
18. Compare and contrast the impact of internal migration on indigenous peoples in **two** countries of the Americas.

Section 10: Emergence of the Americas in global affairs (1880–1929)

19. Discuss the causes of the Spanish–American War (1898).
20. Evaluate the domestic impact of the First World War on **two** countries in the Americas.

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. “Discontent with Porfirio Díaz was the main factor in the outbreak of the Mexican Revolution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
22. Evaluate the achievements of Lázaro Cárdenas up to 1940.

Section 12: The Great Depression and the Americas (mid 1920s–1939)

23. Evaluate the importance of popular mobilization and repression in **one** Latin American country during the Great Depression.
24. Evaluate the impact of the Great Depression on minorities in **one** country in the Americas.

Section 13: The Second World War and the Americas (1933–1945)

25. Compare and contrast the treatment of people of Japanese origin in **two** countries of the Americas.
26. Examine the diplomatic effects of the Second World War up to 1945 in **two** countries of the Americas.

Section 14: Political developments in Latin America (1945–1980)

27. Evaluate the impact of Fidel Castro on Latin America.
28. Discuss the impact of liberation theology in Latin America up to 1980.

Section 15: Political developments in the United States (1945–1980) and Canada (1945–1982)

29. Evaluate the domestic policies of Nixon and Ford.
30. Discuss the causes and effects of the Quiet Revolution.

Section 16: The Cold War and the Americas (1945–1981)

31. Discuss the social and cultural impact of the Cold War on the Americas up to 1953.
32. Discuss the reasons for, and characteristics of, Eisenhower’s New Look foreign policy.

Section 17: Civil rights and social movements in the Americas post-1945

33. Evaluate the impact of Black Power on the civil rights movement in the United States.
34. Evaluate the effectiveness of immigration reform in the United States.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. “Ronald Reagan’s domestic policies were largely successful.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 36. Evaluate the impact of violent and non-violent movements in **two** Latin American countries.
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References: