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Option C: The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation	
Tuesday 2 June 2009 – Morning Time: 1 hour 20 minutes	Paper Reference 6HI01/C
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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **TWO** questions: ONE question on each of the **TWO** topics for which you have been prepared. You may only answer **ONE** question on each topic.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The quality of your written communication will be assessed in **ALL** your responses
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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6HI01/C – The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation

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**You should start the answer to your first question on page 4.
You should start the answer to your second question on page 12.**

C1 – The Origins of the British Empire, c1680–1763

EITHER

- 1** Do you agree that the threats to the East India Company's interests were the most important reason for greater British involvement in India in the years to 1763?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2** How far was the Atlantic slave trade responsible for the development of British colonies in North America and the West Indies in the years to 1763?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

C2 – Relations with the American Colonies and the War of Independence, c1740–89

EITHER

- 3** Why did the relationship between Britain and its American colonies strengthen in the years 1740–63?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** How far does incompetent British military leadership explain the victory of the American colonists in the War of Independence?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

C3 – The Slave Trade, Slavery and the Anti-Slavery Campaigns, c1760–1833

EITHER

- 5** How far did the effective operation of slavery in British colonies in the years c1760 to 1833 primarily rely on the use of brutality?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6** How important was the Evangelical Movement to the success of the anti-slavery campaign in the years 1800–33?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



C4 – Commerce and Conquest: India, c1760–c1835

EITHER

- 7 How far did the British government succeed in its attempts to limit the power of the East India Company in the years 1767 to c1835?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8 How far did the relationship between Indian princes and the British change in the years c1760 to c1835?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

C5 – Commerce and Imperial Expansion, c1815–70

EITHER

- 9 How important were the territories acquired by Britain by the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 to the subsequent expansion of the British Empire up to 1870?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10 How important was the role of Christian missionaries in the development of the British Empire in the years c1815 to 1870?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

C6 – Britain and the Scramble for Africa, c1875–1914

EITHER

- 11 How far do you agree that the British wish to seize control of the Boer Republic's raw materials was the main reason for the outbreak of the Second Boer War in 1899?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12 How far did attitudes towards Empire change in Britain in the years 1875–1914?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

C7 – Retreat from Empire: Decolonisation in Africa, c1957–81

EITHER

- 13 Do you agree that the British decision to give independence to colonies in Africa in the years 1957–65 was primarily due to the influence of African independence movements?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

- 14 How far did the process of decolonisation of British colonies in east and west Africa lead to political instability in the newly independent countries in the 1960s and 1970s?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)



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