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Unit 1	
Option C: The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation	
Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning	Paper Reference
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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**

**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.**

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

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

**EITHER**

- 1** How accurate is it to say that mercantilist policies were the driving force behind the expansion of the British Empire in the years c1680–1763?

**(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** How far do you agree that the main reason for the expansion of the British Empire in North America and the West Indies in the years c1680–1763 was the development of settler colonies?

**(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 3** How far do you agree that the most significant influence on relations between Britain and the American colonies in the years 1740–63 was the colonists' need for British protection?

**(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** How far do you agree that the victory of the American colonists in the War of Independence (1775–83) was primarily due to the ability of their military leadership?

**(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 5** Why was popular support in Britain for the abolition of slavery so strong in the years c1790–1833?

**(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** How far do you agree that the fear of slave revolt was the main reason for the abolition Acts of both 1807 and 1833?

**(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)**



**C4 – Commerce and Conquest: India, c1760–c1835**

**EITHER**

- 7** Why was the defeat of France in the Seven Years War so important to the expansion of British rule in India?

**(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 8** To what extent were the Governors-General successful in limiting the powers of the East India Company?

**(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)**

**C5 – Commerce and Imperial Expansion, c1815–70**

**EITHER**

- 9** How significant was the use of naval force in the expansion of British imperial influence in the years c1815–70?

**(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 10** How far do you agree that the expansion of British influence in the years c1815–70 was fuelled primarily by the requirements of British industry?

**(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 11** How far do you agree that the extension of British control along the Nile Valley and in east Africa in the years c1875–98 was motivated mainly by economic concerns?

**(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 12** How far do you agree that the protection of Uitlander rights in the Boer republics was the trigger rather than the fundamental cause of the Second Boer War in 1899?

**(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 13** How far does Macmillan's 'audit of empire' explain the speeding up of the British decolonisation process in Africa in the years 1957–65?

**(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 14** How far do you agree that Rhodesian white minority rule was able to last so long primarily because of divisions amongst African nationalists?

**(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)**



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