



HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

1997

# MODERN HISTORY

3 UNIT (ADDITIONAL)

*Time allowed—One hour and a half  
(Plus 5 minutes reading time)*

## DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Attempt TWO questions, both from the same Section.
- All questions are of equal value.
- Answer each question in a *separate* Writing Booklet.
- You may ask for extra Writing Booklets if you need them.

**SECTION I**  
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WARS**

Attempt TWO questions.

Answer each question in a *separate* Writing Booklet.

**QUESTION 1**

The Versailles settlement was a well-balanced response to the Allies' needs for security and economic compensation.

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give evidence for your answer.

**QUESTION 2**

Throughout the 1920s, the League of Nations provided an effective framework for collective security.

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give evidence for your answer.

**QUESTION 3**

*EITHER*

- (a) To what extent did international responses to the Spanish Civil War foreshadow the foreign policies of the European powers between 1938 and 1940?

*OR*

- (b) In both East Asia and Europe, economic motives were more important than ideology in causing aggression during the 1930s.

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give evidence for your answer.

**QUESTION 4**

It was the Western powers rather than the Axis powers that chose to go to war.

To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer, refer *EITHER* to Europe in 1939 *OR* to Asia and the Pacific in 1941.

**SECTION II**  
**AUSTRALIA SINCE WORLD WAR II**

Attempt TWO questions.

Answer each question in a *separate* Writing Booklet.

**QUESTION 5**

To what extent did the policies of the Menzies Coalition governments differ from those of the Chifley Labor government?

**QUESTION 6**

Explain the social and economic consequences of the increasing ethnic diversity of Australia's population.

**QUESTION 7**

Explain the differing attitudes of the Coalition and Labor parties to relations with Asia in the period from 1949 to 1975.

**QUESTION 8**

*EITHER*

- (a) The striking feature of Australian society between 1960 and 1975 was the increasingly prominent roles of Aborigines, women, and youth.

To what extent do you agree with this statement? In your answer, refer to any TWO of the following: Aborigines *OR* women *OR* youth.

*OR*

- (b) To what extent have constitutional issues, such as the power of the Senate, the question of the republic, and the role of the High Court, been significant in Australian politics since 1975?

**SECTION III**  
**ASIA SINCE WORLD WAR II**

Attempt TWO questions.

Question 9 is COMPULSORY.

You must also attempt *EITHER* Question 10 *OR* Question 11 *OR* Question 12.

Answer each question in a *separate* Writing Booklet.

**QUESTION 9. China**

*EITHER*

- (a) To what extent did Maoist ideology determine China's social development between 1949 and 1969?

*OR*

- (b) To what extent has economic growth replaced the achievement of communist ideals as the main aim of Chinese government policy since 1976?

**QUESTION 10. Japan**

How would you explain the domination by the Liberal Democratic Party of Japanese politics for most of the post-war period?

**QUESTION 11. India**

To what extent has the Congress Party solved India's political problems since 1947?

**QUESTION 12. General Question**

To what extent has the economy of *EITHER* India *OR* Japan been planned by its government since the late 1940s?

## SECTION IV REVOLUTIONS

Attempt TWO questions.

Answer each question in a *separate* Writing Booklet.

### QUESTION 13

To what extent are poor economic and social conditions necessary for the outbreak of revolution?

In your answer, refer to revolutions in *EITHER* France and Russia *OR* China and Cuba.

### QUESTION 14

No revolution can succeed without the use of propaganda.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

In your answer, refer to revolutions in *EITHER* France and Russia *OR* China and Cuba.

### QUESTION 15

*EITHER*

(a) Peasants never make history: it happens to them.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

In your answer, refer to revolutions in *EITHER* France and Russia *OR* China and Cuba.

*OR*

(b) To what extent do individual leaders rely on the masses to carry out revolutionary change?

In your answer, refer to revolutions in *EITHER* France and Russia *OR* China and Cuba.

### QUESTION 16

Revolutions inevitably lead to dictatorship.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

In your answer, refer to revolutions in *EITHER* France and Russia *OR* China and Cuba.

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