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**General Certificate of Secondary Education**

**HISTORY B (MODERN WORLD)**

**1937/14**

PAPER 1 (Core Content with China, 1945–c.1976)

Thursday

**9 JUNE 2005**

Afternoon

2 hours

Additional materials:  
8-page answer booklet

**TIME** 2 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on the answer booklet.
- This paper consists of three sections.  
In **Section A**, answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.  
In **Section B**, answer any **one** question.  
In **Section C**, answer **Question 7** and **one** other question.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what to do before starting your answer.
- Write the numbers of the questions you have answered in the box on the front of the answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **75**.
- You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication in part (c) of the following questions: Section B, questions 3, 4, 5 and 6; Section C, questions 8 and 9.

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**This question paper consists of 8 printed pages.**

## Section A

Some of the questions require you to use a source. Where this is the case, you will need to use your knowledge of the topic to interpret the source.

You are advised to spend about 15 minutes on this section.

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

- 1 Study the source carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

## SOURCE A



*A British cartoon published in 1920. The figure in the top hat represents the USA.*

- 1 (a) Study Source A.

What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer. [6]

- (b) Explain why the League of Nations was established. [9]

- 2 Study the source carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

SOURCE B



A British cartoon published in 1969. It is commenting on President Nixon's Vietnam policy.

- 2 (a) Study Source B.

What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer.

[6]

- (b) Explain why the American forces were pulled out of Vietnam in 1973.

[9]

**Section B**

You are advised to spend about 35 minutes on this section.

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**You must answer ALL parts of the question you choose.**

- 3 (a) What did Lloyd George hope to achieve from the Treaty of Versailles? [4]
- (b) Explain why Germany was made to pay reparations. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons why Germany hated the Treaty of Versailles:
- (i) limitations on its armed forces;
  - (ii) the loss of raw materials and industries;
  - (iii) the loss of land.
- Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer, referring only to (i), (ii) and (iii). [10]
- 4 (a) What was agreed at the Munich Conference in 1938? [4]
- (b) Explain why Germany and the Soviet Union signed the Nazi-Soviet Pact in 1939. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons why there was a world war in 1939:
- (i) Hitler's aggressive foreign policy;
  - (ii) the failure of the League of Nations;
  - (iii) the policy of appeasement.
- Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer, referring only to (i), (ii) and (iii). [10]
- 5 (a) What was agreed at the Potsdam Conference in 1945? [4]
- (b) Explain why the Soviet Union's blockade of Berlin failed in 1949. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons why the Soviet Union gained control of Eastern Europe by 1948:
- (i) the Red Army;
  - (ii) the secret police;
  - (iii) the weakness of Eastern European countries.
- Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer, referring only to (i), (ii) and (iii). [10]
- 6 (a) What was the 'Prague Spring' of 1968? [4]
- (b) Explain why 'Solidarity' was set up in Poland. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons why Soviet control of Eastern Europe collapsed in 1989:
- (i) the effects of 'Solidarity' in Poland;
  - (ii) the policies of Gorbachev;
  - (iii) the weakness of the Communist governments in Eastern European countries.
- Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer, referring only to (i), (ii) and (iii). [10]

## Section C: Depth Study

China, 1945–c.1976

Some of the questions require you to use sources. Where this is the case, you will need to use your knowledge of the topic to interpret and evaluate the sources. When you are asked to use specific sources you must do so, but you may also use any of the other sources within the question if they are relevant.

You are advised to spend about 70 minutes on this section.

Answer Question 7 and ONE other question.

7 Study the sources carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

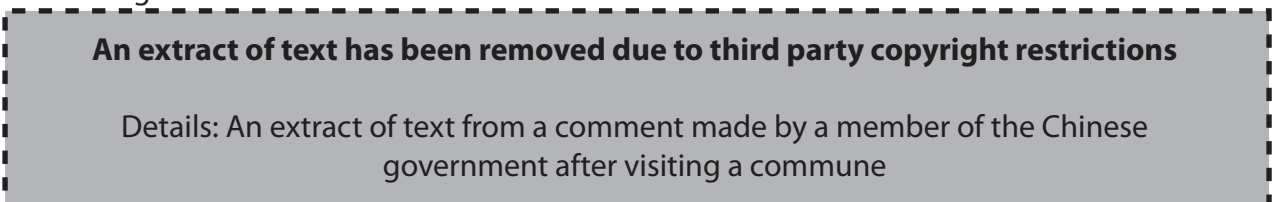
## SOURCE C



A photograph of the terraced fields of Dazhai Commune. Dazhai was used by the Chinese government as an example of how successful communes were. It was later revealed that Dazhai had received millions of dollars of government aid and that the work had been done by soldiers.

## SOURCE D

I saw a large...



up against the wind?'

A comment made by a member of the Chinese government after visiting a commune in 1958.

## SOURCE E

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Details: A poster showing a group of Chinese farmers smiling. One of the farmers is using a machine to plant rice

A poster published by the Chinese government in the late 1970s. The caption of the poster reads 'What a pleasure it is not to have to bend our backs while planting rice.'

7 (a) Study Source C.

How is this source useful evidence for historians studying the Great Leap Forward? Use the source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

[7]

(b) Study Source D.

How far do you agree with these comments about the Great Leap Forward? Use the source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

[7]

(c) Study Source E.

Why do you think this poster was published? Use the source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

[6]

**Choose ONE of the following two questions.**

**You must answer ALL parts of the question you choose.**

- 8** (a) Describe the problems facing the Nationalist government in 1945. [4]
- (b) Explain why the Communists were strengthened by the Second World War. [6]
- (c) 'The most important reason why the communists won the civil war was the Red Army.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 9** (a) What were the Red Guards? [4]
- (b) Explain why teachers and intellectuals were persecuted during the Cultural Revolution. [6]
- (c) Mao claimed that the Cultural Revolution was a success. How far do you agree with his claim? Explain your answer. [10]

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