

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

HISTORY B (MODERN WORLD)

1937/14

PAPER 1 (CORE CONTENT WITH CHINA, 1945-c.1976)

Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials:
Answer booklet.

TIME 2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided 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 provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what to do before starting your answer.
- Write the numbers of the questions answered in the box provided on 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 the 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.*

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 can also use any of the other Sources within the question if they are relevant.

Section A

You should 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



Hitler: 'There's some mistake. It was your small brother I sent for.'

A cartoon from a British newspaper, 6 September 1939, three days after Britain and France declared war on Germany. It shows Hitler speaking to Mars, the great god of war.

- (a) Study **Source A**.

Explain the message of this cartoon. Support your answer by referring to details of the cartoon and your knowledge.

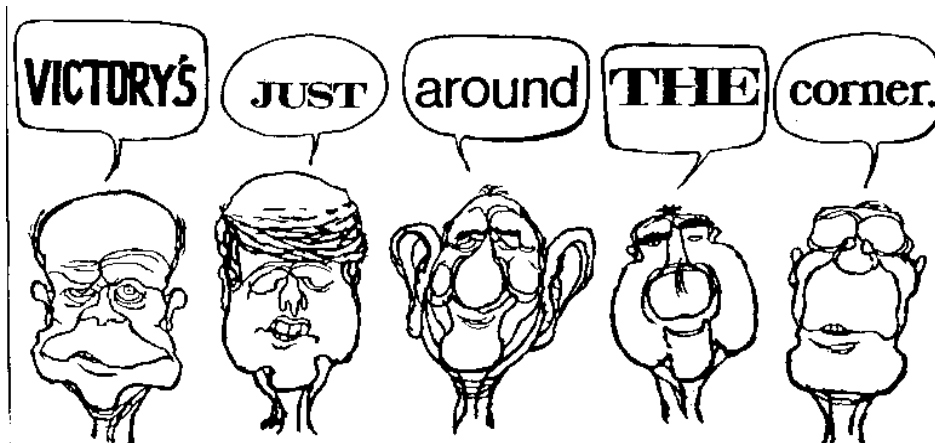
[6]

- (b) Explain why Germany invaded Poland in 1939.

[9]

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

SOURCE B



A cartoon, published in 1975, showing the five US presidents involved in the Vietnam War.

- (a) Study **Source B**.

Explain the message of this cartoon. Support your answer by referring to details of the cartoon and your knowledge.

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- (b) Explain why the USA became involved in Vietnam.

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Section B

You should spend about 35 minutes on this section.

Answer ONE question from this section.

- 3 (a) In what ways did the Treaty of Versailles try to ensure future international peace? [4]
- (b) Explain what Wilson hoped to achieve at the Paris Peace Conference. [6]
- (c) How far was Clemenceau satisfied with the Treaty of Versailles?
Explain your answer. [10]
- 4 (a) What were the main aims of the League of Nations? [4]
- (b) Explain why some major nations were not members of the League when it was first set up. [6]
- (c) 'The **most** important reason why the League was weak in the 1920s was its lack of an army.'
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 5 (a) What was agreed at the Potsdam Conference, 1945? [4]
- (b) Explain why the USA introduced the Marshall Plan. [6]
- (c) 'The **most** important cause of the Cold War was the suspicion and rivalry between Truman and Stalin.'
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 6 (a) What happened during the 'Prague Spring' of 1968? [4]
- (b) Explain why the USSR got involved in Czechoslovakia in 1968. [6]
- (c) 'The **most** important reason for the collapse of Soviet control in Eastern Europe in 1989 were the effects of 'Solidarity' in Poland.'
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

Section C: Depth Study
China, 1945-c.1976

You should 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 A



A Chinese woodcut showing Nationalist tax collectors taking the last food and animals from a starving family.

SOURCE B

Nearly everyone in the Nationalist army was on the make. Officers fiddled their accounts, drawing pay for twice the men they really commanded and keeping extra for themselves. Army stores were sold on the black market. The only things the Nationalists seemed to think of were food, drink and women.

A letter written by a nationalist officer who left to join the Communists in 1945.

SOURCE C



An early photograph of the Red Army (although they had very poor equipment they had strong discipline).

7 (a) Study Source A.

Do you think this woodcut was published by supporters or opponents of the Nationalist Party?

Use the Source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

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(b) Study Source B.

How far does this Source explain why the Nationalists lost the Civil War?

Use the Source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

[7]

(c) Study Source C.

This photograph shows a very poorly equipped Red Army. Why then did the Communists go on to win the Civil War?

Use the Source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

[7]

Choose ONE of the following two questions. You must answer ALL parts of the question which you choose.

- 8 (a) What were the main features of the Cultural Revolution? [4]
- (b) Explain why Mao Zedong started the Cultural Revolution. [6]
- (c) Was the Cultural Revolution a success or a failure?
Explain your answer. [10]
- 9 (a) What happened in 1971-72 to improve relations between China and the USA? [4]
- (b) Explain why relations between China and the USSR were unfriendly after 1960. [6]
- (c) The following were reasons why China had become a great world power by the time Mao died in 1976:
- (i) its growing military strength;
 - (ii) its entry into the United Nations Organisation in 1971;
 - (iii) its increased economic strength.
- Which of these reasons do you think was the **most** important?
Explain your answer, referring to (i), (ii) and (iii) only. [10]

