

HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

HISTORY PAPER 2

(SAMPLE PAPER)

Time allowed: 1 hour and 15 minutes
This paper must be answered in English

1. This paper carries 30% of the subject marks and consists of seven essay-type questions, of which candidates may attempt any *two*.
2. Where a question is divided into a number of sub-questions, you **MUST** divide your answer into different parts accordingly. You risk mark penalties if you do not do so.

Answer any *two* of the following seven questions.

1. To what extent was Hong Kong modernised by the year 2000? Explain your answer with reference to Hong Kong's political and economic developments in the period 1970s-1990s. (15 marks)
2. Do you agree that militarism harmed rather than benefited Japan up to 1945? Explain your answer. (15 marks)
3. Compare the main features of China's modernisation efforts in the Maoist and post-Mao periods. (15 marks)
4. Trace and explain the development of Franco-German relations in the 20th century. (15 marks)
5. To what extent were Israeli-Arab conflicts caused by the racial factor? (15 marks)
6. How effective was the United Nations in solving environmental problems in the second half of the 20th century? (15 marks)
7. In what ways was the Second World War a turning point in 20th-century world history? Explain your answer with reference to any *one* country or region covered by this syllabus. (15 marks)

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