

**HISTORY  
HIGHER LEVEL AND STANDARD LEVEL  
PAPER 2**

Monday 13 May 2002 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Higher Level: answer two questions, each chosen from a different Topic.
- Standard Level: answer two questions, each chosen from a different Topic.
- Questions in this paper must be answered with reference to events and developments in the twentieth century.
- Where the word REGION is used in questions in this paper, it refers, unless otherwise defined, to the five regions which are the basis of the regional studies for Higher Level Paper 3.

**Topic 1: Causes, practices and effects of war**

1. Compare and contrast the causes of the First and Second World Wars.
2. Analyse the changes in the nature of warfare during the twentieth century.
3. Why were there so many civil wars in the twentieth century?
4. Examine the effects of war and the fear of war on the civilian population of **two** countries, each chosen from a different region.
5. “The Korean War was a limited war, a civil war, and an episode in the Cold War.” To what extent do you agree with each part of this assertion?

**Topic 2: Nationalist and independence movements, decolonisation and challenges facing new states**

6. For what reasons, and with what justification, was there opposition to colonial rule in **two** countries, each chosen from a different region?
7. Assess the origin and outcome of **two** wars of decolonisation.
8. In what ways, and for what reasons, have economic and social problems hindered the development of **either** Cuba **or** other areas of the Caribbean?
9. Examine the political problems faced by **either** one African **or** one Indian state in the second half of the twentieth century.
10. “New states have found it impossible to implement democracy.” To what extent do you agree with this verdict?

**Topic 3: The rise and rule of single-party states**

11. Analyse conditions that led to single-party states during the twentieth century.
12. Compare and contrast the domestic policies of Hitler and Stalin.
13. In what ways, and for what reasons, did **two** rulers of single-party states, each chosen from a different region, fail to achieve their objectives?
14. Explain and examine the methods used by **one** of the following rulers of single-party states, to obtain and keep power: Lenin; Mao; Perón.
15. Assess the treatment of women **and** religious groups in **two** single-party states.

**Topic 4: The establishment and work of international organisations**

16. Account for the establishment of **two** international or **two** regional organisations.
17. Compare and contrast the social and economic policies of the League of Nations and the United Nations.
18. Analyse the political role and the impact of **one** of the following: the Arab League; the Commonwealth; the Organization of American States.
19. Assess the main successes and failures of **one** regional or international organisation during the second half of the twentieth century.
20. To what extent was the failure of any **two** international **and/or** regional organisations to achieve their objectives due to factors beyond their control?

**Topic 5: The Cold War**

21. In what ways, and for what reasons, did super-power rivalry dominate international politics between 1945 and 1961?
22. Analyse the role of Germany in the origin and development of the Cold War.
23. Explain and evaluate the impact of the Cold War on developing countries.
24. “A product of the Cold War, and a reason for the prolonging of Cold War tension.” To what extent do you agree with this statement about the Vietnam War?
25. For what reasons, and with what effects, did social and cultural differences affect the origin and development of the Cold War?

**Topic 6: The state and its relationship with religion and with minorities**

26. Examine the relationship with the state of (a) one minority religion **and** (b) one majority religion.
  27. Using examples to support your answer, assess the importance and extent of religion as a political factor since 1950.
  28. In what ways, and for what reasons, has the position of racial or ethnic minorities deteriorated in **two** countries, each chosen from a different region?
  29. Why have racial or ethnic minorities tried to preserve their cultures, and what problems have they faced in doing so?
  30. To what extent, and for what reasons, did religious, racial, or ethnic persecution take place during the twentieth century?
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