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HISTORY
ROUTE 2
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PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS

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2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions. Each question is worth *[20 marks]*.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[60 marks]*.



Independence movements

1. With reference to **two** countries of the Americas, analyse the contribution of political factors to the outbreak of the wars of independence.
2. Why did both the military and civilians oppose or join Latin American wars of independence? Answer with reference to **two** wars of independence from the region.

Nation-building and challenges

3. For what reasons, and in which ways, did the United States Constitution of 1787 change the Articles of Confederation?
4. “Socio-political conditions caused the rise and development of the caudillo rule in Latin America during the period immediately after the wars of independence.” With reference to **two** countries of the region, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

United States Civil War: causes, course and effects 1840–1877

5. “Sectionalism, not slavery, was the major cause of the United States Civil War.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. To what extent had Reconstruction fulfilled its aims by 1877?

The development of modern nations 1865–1929

7. Compare and contrast the effects of industrial growth and economic modernization in **two** countries of the Americas between 1865 and 1929.
8. With reference to **one** country of the region, analyse the role of **either** positivism **or** “indigenismo” in the development and consolidation of modern states in Latin America between 1865 and 1929.

Emergence of the Americas in global affairs 1880–1929

9. Compare and contrast the foreign policy of the United States in **two** different Latin American countries between 1880 and 1929.

10. Analyse the social impact of the First World War in **two** countries of the Americas.

The Mexican Revolution 1910–1940

11. To what extent were social factors the main cause of the outbreak of revolution in Mexico in 1910?

12. For what reasons, and in what ways, were Mexican revolutionary leaders supported by foreign powers, especially the United States, between 1910 and 1922?

The Great Depression and the Americas 1929–1939

13. In what ways, and with what results, did Canada address the problems caused by the Great Depression?

14. Assess the responses to the Great Depression of **either** G Vargas in Brazil **or** the Concordancia in Argentina, in the 1930s.

The Second World War and the Americas 1933–1945

15. How successful were attempts at “hemispheric cooperation” in the region between 1933 and 1945?

16. Analyse the measures taken by any **two** countries of the Americas in reaction to the Holocaust.

Political developments in the Americas after the Second World War 1945–1979

17. Assess the successes and failures of Nixon’s domestic policies (1969–1974).
18. To what extent did domestic dissent and disorder become a rationale for Latin American military regimes to intervene in their country’s internal affairs between 1945 and 1979? Answer with reference to **two** Latin American countries.

The Cold War and the Americas 1945–1981

19. Examine the features of Eisenhower’s “New Look” foreign policy and evaluate its impact on the region of the Americas.
20. Analyse the reasons for the United States’ involvement in Vietnam between 1953 and 1968.

Civil rights and social movements in the Americas

21. To what extent can Martin Luther King be said to have achieved his goals in the Civil Rights movement?
22. Compare and contrast the impact of the Feminist movements in **two** countries of the Americas after 1945.

Into the twenty-first century — from the 1980s to 2000

23. “President George H W Bush’s domestic policy (1989–1993) was a failure.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 24. “Economic challenges helped bring about the restoration of democracy in Latin America during the 1980s.” Discuss this statement with reference to **one** country of the region.
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