



HISTORY ROUTE 1 HIGHER LEVEL

PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Monday 11 November 2013 (morning)

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].

Christianity c500-1300

- 1. Assess the impact of monastic orders founded after 900.
- **2.** Examine the political, economic and religious causes of the Investiture crisis (1075–1122).

The Fatimids 909–1171

- **3.** Assess the reasons for the rise of the Fatimid Empire.
- **4.** Why were Fatimid claims to the caliphate unsuccessful?

Monarchies in England and France 1066–1223

- 5. By what means, and with what results, did Louis VII (1137–80) attempt to expand royal power in France?
- **6.** "William I (King of England 1066–87) was an extremely successful ruler." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The Crusades 1095-1291

- 7. "Religious devotion was the most important reason for the success of the First Crusade (1095–9)." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **8.** Analyse the reasons for the decline of the crusading movement by 1291.

The Mongols 1200–1405

- 9. Assess how the Mongol invasions had both negative and positive effects on the Islamic world.
- **10.** Analyse the reasons for the success of Genghis Khan as a conqueror.

Muslim, Christian and Jewish interactions in Spain 711–1492

- 11. Why were the Berber dynasties, Almoravids (1061–1147) and Almohads (1147–1269), unable to maintain Muslim power in Spain?
- **12.** Explain the significance of **one** of the following in the history of Spain: 'Abd al-Rahman I (756–788); 'Abd al-Rahman III (912–961); Ferdinand and Isabella (1452–1516).

Emperors and kings 1150–1300

- 13. Why were Frederick I (1155–90) and Frederick II (1220–50) unsuccessful in their attempts to establish their authority over the Holy Roman Empire?
- **14.** For what reasons, and with what results, was royal power challenged during the reign of **either** John (1199–1216) **or** Henry III (1216–72)?

Late medieval political crises 1300–1485

- **15.** Assess the principal results of the Wars of the Roses.
- **16.** "The deposition of Richard II (1377–99) was the result of his own actions." To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Fourteenth century famine, pestilence and social change

- 17. Analyse the changes to society as a result of the Black Death.
- **18.** For what reasons, and with what results, did famines occur in Northern Europe in the early fourteenth century?

The Ottomans 1281-1566

- 19. Analyse the reasons for, and the results of, the fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans in 1453.
- **20.** Examine the changes the Ottomans brought to the Islamic world.

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Renaissance government and society in Italy 1300-1500

- **21.** "The growth of trade and commerce was the most important reason for the Renaissance of the fifteenth century." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- 22. Analyse the importance of rivalries between Italian cities for the development of the Renaissance.

New horizons: exploration 1400–1550

- **23.** Assess the significance of **two** of the following in the process of exploration and/or travel: Ibn Battuta (fl1350); Henry the Navigator; Columbus; Ferdinand Magellan (d1521); Piri Reis (d1554).
- **24.** Discuss the importance of religion for the development of Western exploration and expansion.