

**History**  
**Higher level and standard level**  
**Paper 2**

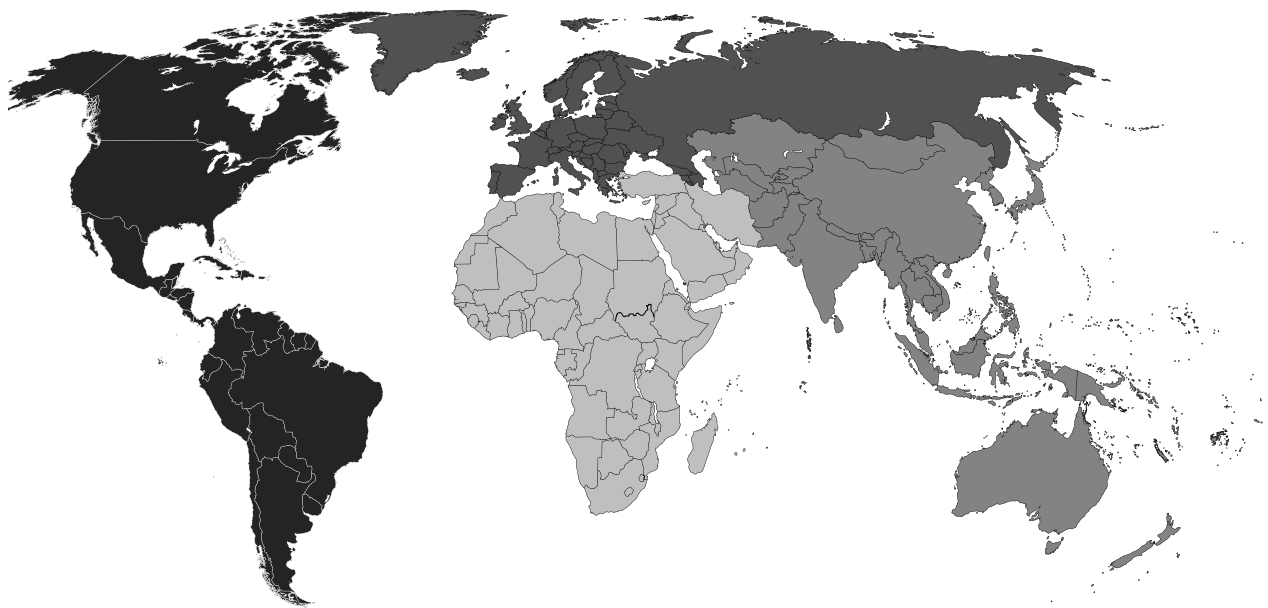
Tuesday 9 May 2017 (afternoon)

1 hour 30 minutes

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different topic.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.
- Where the word region is used it refers to the following four regions: Europe, Asia and Oceania, the Americas, and Africa and the Middle East.



**Topic 1 Society and economy (750–1400)**

1. Discuss the developments that affected the trade of **two** societies, each from a different region.
2. Evaluate the significance to cultural and intellectual developments of **two** individuals.

**Topic 2 Causes and effects of medieval wars (750–1500)**

3. Examine the significance of **two** leaders to the course/practice of warfare.
4. “Demographic change was the most significant effect of war.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

**Topic 3 Dynasties and rulers (750–1500)**

5. With reference to **two** rulers, compare and contrast the methods used to consolidate their rule.
6. To what extent did **one** ruler overcome the internal **and** external challenges to their power?

**Topic 4 Societies in transition (1400–1700)**

7. Discuss the developments that affected the trade of **two** societies, each chosen from a different region.
8. “Religion was more often a support than a challenge to states.” With reference to **two** states, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Topic 5 Early Modern states (1450–1789)**

9. “The expansion of early modern colonial empires was motivated by economic factors.” Discuss with reference to **two** early modern colonial empires.
10. Discuss the methods used to maintain power in **two** colonial states.

**Topic 6 Causes and effects of Early Modern wars (1500–1750)**

11. Evaluate the importance of religion in causing **two** wars.
12. “Technological developments were the most significant factor in determining the outcome of Early Modern wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

**Topic 7 Origins, development and impact of industrialization (1750–2005)**

13. “Industrialization was entirely the result of technological development.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries, each from a different region.
14. Evaluate the social **and** political impact of industrialization in **one** country.

**Topic 8 Independence movements (1800–2000)**

15. Compare and contrast the methods used to achieve independence in **two** states, each from a different region.
16. “Political problems were the most serious challenge to new states in the first 10 years of independence.” Discuss with reference to **two** states.

**Topic 9 Evolution and development of democratic states (1848–2000)**

17. To what extent did social **and** economic factors encourage the demand for democratic reform in **one** state?
18. Evaluate the impact on society of the economic policies used in **two** democratic states.

**Topic 10 Authoritarian states (20th century)**

19. “The conditions in which authoritarian states emerged were mainly determined by economic factors.” Discuss with reference to **two** authoritarian states.
20. Compare and contrast the methods used to maintain power in **two** authoritarian states, each from a different region.

**Topic 11 Causes and effects of 20th-century wars**

21. “The influence of foreign powers determined the outcome of 20th century civil wars.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.
  
22. “The effects of war on the role and status of women were mostly beneficial.” Discuss with reference to **two** wars.

**Topic 12 The Cold War: Superpower tensions and rivalries (20th century)**

23. To what extent did economic interests rather than ideology lead to the breakdown of the grand alliance between 1943 and 1949?
  
  24. Evaluate the impact of Cold War tensions on **two** countries (excluding the USSR and the US).
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