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**HISTORY**  
**ROUTE 1**  
**HIGHER LEVEL AND STANDARD LEVEL**  
**PAPER 2**

Wednesday 14 November 2012 (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 *[20 marks]*.
- Questions in this paper must be answered with reference to events and developments in medieval Europe and the Islamic world.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[40 marks]*.

### Topic 1    **Dynasties and rulers**

1. Explain the reasons for the fall of the Umayyad dynasty **and** the rise of the Abbasids.
2. Analyse the extent to which any **one** of the following can be considered a successful ruler: Charlemagne (768–814); Louis VI of France (1108–1137); Harun al-Rashid (786–809); ‘Abd al-Rahman III of Spain (912–961).
3. “Henry II of England (1154–1189) was successful in establishing and maintaining his authority because of his military skill.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Assess the role of laws, both secular and religious, in establishing the authority of medieval rulers.
5. Examine the successes and failures of **one** female ruler.
6. Medieval European and Islamic rulers faced a number of challenges to their authority. With reference to **one** ruler, identify these challenges and assess how effectively they were dealt with.

### Topic 2    **Society and economy**

7. Explain the reasons for the development of urban areas in medieval Europe.
8. Assess the contributions of women to the society and economy of Islam.
9. Analyse the roles of places of worship in the social and economic life of medieval Europe.
10. Why did trade flourish in the Islamic world?
11. Explain the design of the model Islamic city.
12. “The non-economic contributions of women to medieval European society were as important as the economic ones.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Topic 3 Wars and warfare**

13. “Religious differences were not a major cause of the Islamic civil wars (*fitna*) in the seventh century.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
14. Assess the impact of the Hundred Years War (1337–1396) on **either** England **or** France.
15. Analyse the causes of the Muslim defeat by Christian Europe during the First Crusade (1095–1099).
16. “Non-military reasons were more important than military ones in explaining the Islamic conquests of the seventh and eighth centuries.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
17. “The most important cause of wars in medieval Europe was the desire of rulers for more territory.” With reference to **two** wars, explain to what extent you agree with this statement.
18. Analyse the reasons for, and the results of, the Norman conquest of England (1066).

**Topic 4 Intellectual, cultural and artistic developments**

19. Explain the reasons for, and the results of, increasing literacy in medieval Europe.
20. Examine the role of the great mosques in intellectual and cultural development.
21. For what reasons, and with what results, did an intellectual golden age occur in the Islamic world between the tenth and fourteenth centuries?
22. “The medieval Church discouraged intellectual development in Europe.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
23. Assess the impact of universities on medieval Europe.
24. “Without the scholars of Islam there would not have been a twelfth century renaissance.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Topic 5 Religion and the state**

25. With reference to **two** Islamic religious groups or sects, explain how the Islamic world was affected by disputes between them and the state.
  26. Explain the origins of, and the contributions to medieval life, of **one** itinerant or monastic order.
  27. Explain the role of the *ulama* in the Islamic world.
  28. For what reasons, and with what results, did Henry II of England engage in a dispute with Thomas Becket?
  29. For what reasons, and with what results, did Islam practice toleration towards Christians and Jews?
  30. Why did anti-Semitism exist in medieval Europe?
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