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Section A: Themes (1F/2H)

General Comments

In general, candidates scored less well on the high tariff sub-questions (d) and (e), each worth 8 marks. Part (e) answers made use of the stimulus source but did not offer much in the way of own knowledge.

Question 9

Sound answers to (a) and (b) but little knowledge shown for the other three sub-questions, especially on the effects of reform, 1905-11.

Question 10

Reasonable answers were provided to all parts of the question.

Question 13

Some confusion on part (a) with post and pre-January 1933. Sound answers to (b), (c) and (d) although limited own knowledge of Nazi unemployment policies for (e).

Question 33

Some confusion in (a) over 1945 date. Some included Truman Doctrine. Better answers to (c) and (d) although candidates struggled with their own knowledge for (e).

Section B: Special Topics (2H)

General Comments

Candidates only attempted questions B5, B6 and B7.

Part (a) Most candidates successfully cross referenced the contents of Sources A and B, especially for B6, but made little or no reference to tone and attitude to reach Level 2. A handful simply summarised each source.

Part (b) Candidates were generally able to make inferences from Source C and to establish the purpose of the photograph or illustration, for example in B5, to reach Levels 1 or 2. However, most failed to explain this using their own contextual knowledge.

Part (c) Answers generally made sound use of some or all of the sources and attempted to give a balanced interpretation and reach Level 2. However, they generally had insufficient developed own knowledge to achieve the higher levels.

Paper 3

C1: Medicine in the Nineteenth Century

Generally sound answers to (a) and (b) although most failed to reach the higher levels in (c) and (d) due to limited use of own knowledge.

C2: Medicine in the Twentieth Century

No candidates chose to answer questions from this section.

C3: The Changing Nature of Warfare in the Twentieth Century

Sound answers to first three sub-questions. Answers to part (d) tend to be generalised and/or confined to the Second World War.

C4: The Work of the United Nations

Overall generally well answered, especially on parts (a), (b) and (d).

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