

HISTORY (BRUNEI)

Paper 2171/01
Multiple Choice

| <i>Question Number</i> | <i>Key</i> | <i>Question Number</i> | <i>Key</i> |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | A | 21 | B |
| 2 | D | 22 | D |
| 3 | D | 23 | B |
| 4 | D | 24 | A |
| 5 | D | 25 | A |
| 6 | D | 26 | C |
| 7 | C | 27 | D |
| 8 | A | 28 | B |
| 9 | C | 29 | D |
| 10 | C | 30 | D |
| 11 | C | 31 | D |
| 12 | C | 32 | A |
| 13 | D | 33 | C |
| 14 | B | 34 | C |
| 15 | D | 35 | B |
| 16 | C | 36 | C |
| 17 | B | 37 | D |
| 18 | D | 38 | B |
| 19 | C | 39 | D |
| 20 | D | 40 | D |

General

There were 207 candidates who took this paper and the decrease in the mean this year suggests that they found it a little more challenging. It was interesting to note that marks were somewhat more 'bunched' this year with fewer questions having over 85% choosing the correct key, but also fewer with less than 40% correct answers.

The questions producing over 85% correct responses were **Questions 3, 9, 11, 20** and **21**. The growing tendency for candidates to score particularly well on the Brunei section continued, where only **Question 2** was answered correctly by less than 50% of candidates and most answers were correctly answered by 70% or more of the candidates.

The questions which gave the most difficulty, with fewer than 40% choosing the correct key, were **Questions 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 34** and **37**. Once again none of these questions was from the Brunei section of the paper, and there was a generally even distribution of the 'difficult' questions across the other sections (one from Malaya, two from Indonesia, three from Thailand and two from the Philippines). Having said that, it remains the case that the sections on Thailand and especially the Philippines are answered less well than those on Brunei, Malaya and Indonesia.

Significant Individual Questions

As mentioned above, the Brunei section proved straightforward for candidates with the overwhelming majority of candidates giving the correct answer to almost all questions. It was, however, a little surprising to see that the answers to **Questions 2** and **10** were less well-known than other answers in this section.

The best answered questions on the paper were **Question 9**, with almost all candidates aware that Sultan Sharif Ali built the first mosque in Brunei, and **Questions 20** and **21**, where knowledge of the Federation of Malaysia and the Java War was impressive. **Question 22** on coffee cultivation in Java proved to be too difficult for most candidates, as did **Questions 34** and **37** from the Philippines section.