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World History since 1917

Thursday, 18 May 2006 : 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Candidates should answer **FOUR** of the following **TWENTY** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. To what extent can the Washington Conference and United States economic diplomacy be reconciled with an American commitment to isolationism?
2. Why did the American-Japanese negotiations fail to prevent the attack on Pearl Harbor?
3. Was the Arab-Jewish conflict between 1917 and 1939 primarily about ideology or religion?
4. Why and with what consequences did the Allies initially fail to agree over the establishment of a second front in Europe?
5. 'Mao Tse Tung was the main reason for the communist victory in the Civil War and the failure to establish a *modus vivendi* with the United States.' Discuss.
6. To what extent was the Long Telegram a more important contributory factor to the causes of the Cold War than the Truman Doctrine?
7. What were the consequences of NSC 68 for American Cold War policy under the Truman and first Eisenhower administrations?
8. To what extent was Khrushchev primarily responsible for a deterioration in Soviet-American relations by 1963?
9. Compare and contrast the theories that explain the Sino-Soviet split.
10. To what extent were there differences between the 'neutralism' of the 1950s and the 'non-alignment' of the 1960s?
11. To what extent did the Americans and the Soviets increase Arab-Israeli tensions between 1955 and 1969?
12. What were the consequences of the American response to the emergence of Castro and his revolutionary movement between 1956 and 1961?
13. Analyse the differences between the Latin American policies of the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations?
14. What was the United States seeking to achieve by working through the United Nations in the Congo 1960-63?
15. Why was President Johnson unsuccessful in his use of American military power in Vietnam?
16. How important were the conflicts in Africa in undermining détente?

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17. 'Carter's peace achievements were undermined by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.' Discuss.
18. To what extent was the Iranian revolution produced by the resurgence of political Islam?
19. Analyse the importance of external events, following the invasion of Afghanistan, in producing the collapse of the Soviet Union.
20. 'The end of the Cold War and the response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait were products of an emerging new world order.' Discuss.

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