

Excellence – Script 1

Question One:

Way 1 – Colombo Plan a specific way NZ provided foreign aid. The mention of 'South East Asian countries' indicates some awareness of the context, although the plan encompassed countries beyond just those within the commonly understood region of South East Asia (such as the example given of Sri Lanka). The Colombo Plan did not include 'developing Pacific' countries but this is not enough to undo the correct answer.

Way 2 – The South Pacific Commission is also a specific way, and the candidate correctly identifies the two contributing countries (Australia and New Zealand) as well as two receiving countries (Niue and Samoa).

Question Two:

Reasons 1 and 2 – Candidate has a clear understanding of the historical ideas evident here in both of these answers (Note: either one of these answers would have been a sufficient Question Two answer to meet the requirements for Merit or Excellence)

At the end of Question Two, the candidate has reached the standard for Merit.

Question Three:

This answer only narrowly met the criterion in the Judgment Statement ('describing in details change(s) that began to occur in New Zealand foreign aid policy from the 1970s') for Excellence. It was felt that the candidate had communicated just enough understanding of two changes. If only one of these changes had been included the candidate would not achieve Excellence and would have been held at Merit.

One change: shift in proportion of aid given multilaterally to bilaterally. The candidate has given brief descriptions in brackets which show the marker that there is some understanding of the concept. Examples of countries benefiting from this shift are identified.

Second change: shift in focus away from South East Asia to the South Pacific.

'Government aid was roughly 0.27% of GDP... Communism or rebels' added nothing to the answer as this was repeating answers for Question Two (reasons for aid) and nor describing changes.



You are advised to spend 40 minutes answering the questions in this booklet.

Write the number of the topic you have chosen:

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QUESTION ONE

Way (1) The Colombo Plan

Description:

This provided financial and technical assistance to ~~the~~ developing Pacific and ~~the~~ South-East Asian countries, such ~~as~~ ⁱⁿ Sri Lanka and ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ South Pacific Commission

Way (2) South Pacific Commission

Description:

Aid was provided to developing South Pacific countries such as Niue and ~~the~~ Samoa by Australia and New Zealand.

QUESTION TWO

(1) To promote stability in the region to which aid is given (S.E Asia and S. Pacific). By giving financial assistance it was hoped that peaceful development would result. As the South Pacific nations are small, they are more susceptible to subversion by ~~the~~ rebel factors.

(2) To help underprivileged nations out of poverty. Poverty leads to dissatisfaction which may descend into war. By giving aid to these poorer countries we show we are willing to help them out of ~~of~~ ~~an~~ failed-nation-hood.

QUESTION THREE

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~~Aid became~~ Less aid was given multilaterally (through organisations) and more aid was given bilaterally (go directly to another government). This included to the governments of Micronesia, Samoa and the Cook Islands. There was also a shift in focus towards the South Pacific, away from South East Asia where aid had usually been given. ~~The~~ amount of government aid was roughly 0.27% of GDP; this was well below the OECD target of 0.7%. Through financial assistance in the South Pacific, it was hoped that a basis for peaceful development would be laid. This would prevent governments being subverted by Communism or rebels.

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