
HISTORY (MODERN WORLD AFFAIRS)

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Paper 1 Modern World Affairs

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2 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your centre number, candidate number and name on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

You must answer **four** questions taken from at least **two** sections.

You must answer at least **one** question from Section A.

You must answer both the **(a)** and the **(b)** parts of the questions that you choose.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

Each part question is worth 10 marks.

Answer each part of the questions chosen as fully as you can.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

This document consists of **7** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Section A**International Relations and Developments**

You must answer at least **one** question from this section.

- 1** (a) What were the Locarno Treaties? [10]
- (b) How far did the Treaty of Versailles satisfy President Wilson? Explain your answer. [10]
- 2** (a) What were the structural weaknesses of the League of Nations? [10]
- (b) Was the League's handling of the Vilna dispute its most important failure in the 1920s? Explain your answer. [10]
- 3** (a) Describe Operation Overlord. [10]
- (b) How important was the attack on Pearl Harbor to the outcome of the Second World War? Explain your answer. [10]
- 4** (a) What was America's foreign policy in Europe, 1945–49? [10]
- (b) Who was more responsible for the Cuban Missile Crisis, the USA or the USSR? Explain your answer. [10]
- 5** (a) Describe the humanitarian work undertaken by the United Nations (UN). [10]
- (b) How successful was the UN in the Korean War? Explain your answer. [10]

Section B**Western Europe**

- 6 (a) Describe the economic condition of Germany at the end of the First World War in 1918. [10]
- (b) How damaging was the 1923 Ruhr crisis to Germany? Explain your answer. [10]
- 7 (a) Describe Mussolini's policies towards women. [10]
- (b) 'Mussolini's economic policies were successful.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 8 (a) Describe the opposition to the Second Republic in Spain up to the outbreak of the Civil War. [10]
- (b) 'The outcome of the Spanish Civil War was more the result of Republican weakness than Nationalist strength.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 9 (a) Describe the impact of the German occupation on France. [10]
- (b) 'Evacuating children in 1939 was the most important aspect of British policy on the Home Front.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 10 (a) What was the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)? [10]
- (b) How similar were the Council of Europe (1949) and the Common Market / EEC (1957)? Explain your answer. [10]

Section C**The Americas**

- 11 (a)** Describe the Sacco and Vanzetti affair. [10]
- (b)** 'Immigration into the USA was the main cause of racial discrimination in the 1920s.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 12 (a)** What was the banking crisis, 1930–33? [10]
- (b)** 'The main impact of the Great Depression was its human cost.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 13 (a)** What were the attitudes towards communists in the USA after the Second World War? [10]
- (b)** Who achieved more for the American economy, Nixon or Reagan? Explain your answer. [10]
- 14 (a)** Describe life for African Americans in the Southern states in the 1930s. [10]
- (b)** Did Martin Luther King's words or actions do more to promote civil rights in the USA? Explain your answer. [10]
- 15 (a)** Describe the rule of Pinochet in Chile, 1973–90. [10]
- (b)** 'Allende was overthrown because of the failure of his economic policies.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]

Section D**The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe**

- 16 (a)** Describe opposition to the Bolsheviks in Russia, 1918–21. [10]
- (b)** Were Stalin's Five-Year Plans a success? Explain your answer. [10]
- 17 (a)** Describe how the government of the USSR reacted to the challenges of the Great Patriotic War. [10]
- (b)** Which was more effective in helping Stalin to control the USSR after 1945, the 'cult of personality' or economic recovery? Explain your answer. [10]
- 18 (a)** Describe how de-Stalinisation took place in the USSR. [10]
- (b)** How far did Brezhnev reform the economy? Explain your answer. [10]
- 19 (a)** Describe the coup of August 1991 against Gorbachev. [10]
- (b)** Was Gorbachev a successful leader of the USSR? Explain your answer. [10]
- 20 (a)** Describe the Brezhnev Doctrine. [10]
- (b)** 'The main reason for the establishment of Solidarity in Poland in 1980 was the leadership of Lech Walesa.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]

Section E**Africa and the Middle East**

- 21 (a)** Describe how Kenya gained independence. [10]
- (b)** 'At independence, Zimbabwe faced relatively few social and economic problems.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 22 (a)** Describe the collapse of apartheid in South Africa. [10]
- (b)** 'The main weakness of South Africa by 1994 was the economy.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 23 (a)** Describe the 1948–49 Arab-Israeli War. [10]
- (b)** How fair were the 1949 Armistice Agreements between Israel and its neighbouring states? Explain your answer. [10]
- 24 (a)** Describe the Suez War, 1956. [10]
- (b)** 'Syria was responsible for the Arab-Israeli War in 1967.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 25 (a)** What were the main events of the Iran-Iraq War, 1980–88? [10]
- (b)** 'Ayatollah Khomeini was responsible for the fall of the Shah of Iran.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]

Section F**Asia**

- 26 (a)** Describe life in the communist controlled areas of China up to 1949. [10]
- (b)** How far was the impact of the Versailles peace treaty harmful to China? Explain your answer. [10]
- 27 (a)** Describe the structure of government of the People's Republic of China, set up in 1949. [10]
- (b)** How successful were the communes in meeting Mao Zedong's aims? Explain your answer. [10]
- 28 (a)** Describe the development of fishing industries in post-Second World War Japan. [10]
- (b)** 'Japan's industrial growth in the 1970s was mainly due to the developing electronics sector.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]
- 29 (a)** What were the Round Table Conferences of 1930–32? [10]
- (b)** How far did the 3 June Plan have the support of the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League? Explain your answer. [10]
- 30 (a)** Describe events leading to Singapore's separation from Malaysia in 1965. [10]
- (b)** 'The 1997 financial crash encouraged the countries of Southeast Asia to work more closely together.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. [10]

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