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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of Asia and Oceania

Thursday 4 November 2021 (morning)

1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different section.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[30 marks]**.

Section 1: Trade and exchange: The Silk Road in the medieval world (750–1500)

1. To what extent do you agree that merchants were more important than explorers in connecting West and East?
2. “Environmental problems were the main cause of the decline of the Silk Road in the 15th century.” Discuss.

Section 2: Japan in the Age of the Samurai (1180–1333)

3. Discuss the reasons for the samurai’s increasing political influence under Minamoto.
4. Evaluate the impact on Japan of the invasions by the Yuan dynasty in the late 13th century.

Section 3: Exploration, trade and interaction in East Asia and South-East Asia (1405–1700)

5. Evaluate the impact of European exploration and early settlements on the region.
6. “The adoption of isolationist policies had a negative impact on China.” Discuss.

Section 4: The rise and fall of the Mughal Empire (1526–1712)

7. “Babur’s contribution to the rise of Mughal power was more important than Humayun’s.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. To what extent were Akbar’s social policies the most significant achievement of his rule?

Section 5: Colonialism and the development of nationalism in South-East Asia (c1750–1914)

9. Evaluate the reasons for the decline of the Dutch East India Company (VOC).
10. “The main cause of the Philippine Revolution (1896) was the nature of Spanish rule.” Discuss.

Section 6: India, Afghanistan and Burma (1750–1919)

11. “The British had limited social and cultural impact in India up to 1857.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. Evaluate the economic **and** social effects of the British colonial system in Burma.

Section 7: Challenges to traditional East Asian societies (1700–1868)

13. Discuss the causes and effects of the White Lotus Rebellion.
14. To what extent were economic factors the main reason for discontent with the Tokugawa Shogunate's rule in Japan?

Section 8: British colonialism and emerging national identities in Oceania (1788–1919)

15. “The Treaty of Waitangi (1840) successfully resolved all issues between the settlers and the indigenous peoples.” Discuss.
16. To what extent do you agree that the gold rushes had a positive impact on the development of **either** Australia **or** New Zealand?

Section 9: Early modernization and imperial decline in East Asia (1860–1912)

17. “Social developments were more significant than economic developments in Meiji Japan.” Discuss.
18. “Peasant discontent was the main cause of the Tonghak Rebellion.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 10: Nationalism and independence in India (1919–1964)

19. To what extent was the Simon Commission (1928) the most significant factor in the development of Indian nationalism between 1919 and 1935?
20. “The Second World War was the main reason for the weakening of British power in India.” Discuss with reference to the period from 1939 to 1947.

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Section 11: Japan (1912–1990)

21. “Taisho democracy had more successes than failures.” Discuss with reference to the period from 1912 to 1926.
22. To what extent do you agree that the US embargo was the main factor that led to Japan’s decision to attack Pearl Harbor?

Section 12: China and Korea (1910–1950)

23. Discuss the impact of Yuan Shikai’s actions on the rise of national identity in China.
24. Evaluate the impact of the Sino-Japanese War on the Guomindang (GMD) **and** the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Section 13: Impact of the Second World War on South-East Asia

25. Discuss the reasons for the initial Japanese victories in South-East Asia (1940–1942).
26. “Ho Chi Minh’s resistance against Japanese occupation was the main reason for the emergence of an effective Vietnamese independence movement.” Discuss.

Section 14: The People’s Republic of China (1949–2005)

27. To what extent had Mao Zedong consolidated his rule in China by 1961?
28. “The economic policies of Deng Xiaoping were mainly successful.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 15: Cold War conflicts in Asia

29. Evaluate the political and economic impact of the Vietnam War on Vietnam after 1975.
30. Evaluate the impact of the withdrawal of Soviet troops on Afghanistan.

Section 16: Developments and challenges in South Asia after 1947

31. Compare and contrast the domestic policies of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.
32. “Political inequality was the main reason for tension between East and West Pakistan.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 17: Developments in Oceania after the Second World War (1945–2005)

33. To what extent was the changing role of women the most significant social development in **either** Australia **or** New Zealand between 1945 and 2005?
34. “The Bolger government was a complete failure.” Discuss.

Section 18: Social, cultural and economic developments in Asia (excluding China, Japan and India) (1980–2005)

35. “Technology had transformed society by 2005.” Discuss with reference to **two** Asian countries (excluding China, Japan and India).
36. Evaluate the responses to terrorism in **two** Asian countries (excluding China, Japan and India).
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