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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of Asia and Oceania

2 November 2023

Zone A afternoon | **Zone B** afternoon | **Zone C** afternoon

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer any three questions.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.

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

1. Discuss the role played by missionaries **and** pilgrims in connecting west and east along the Silk Road.
2. Evaluate the economic and cultural impact of the reign of Tamerlane (Timur) on the Silk Road.

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

3. “Replacing court government was the most important development in the expanding role of the samurai.” Discuss.
4. To what extent were the Mongol invasions the most serious challenge facing the Kamakura Shogunate?

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

5. To what extent were the voyages of Zheng He (Cheng Ho) successful?
6. To what extent did the policy of “turning in” benefit Japan?

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

7. “Akbar’s greatest achievements were in religious and cultural policy.” Discuss.
8. “Internal forces were more important than external forces in the decline of the Mughal Empire.” Discuss.

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

9. Evaluate the economic, social, and cultural effects of the French colonial system in Indo-China by 1914.
10. Discuss the significance of Rizal **and** Bonifacio to the development of nationalism in the Philippines.

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

11. Evaluate the significance of the Battle of Plassey (1757) to the expansion of the British East India Company.
12. Discuss the reasons for, **and** consequences of, the First Anglo-Afghan War (1839–1842).

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

13. “Qianlong’s rule greatly weakened the Qing dynasty.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
14. “Political tensions during the Bakumatsu period (1853–1868) were the main reason for the fall of the Tokugawa Shogunate.” Discuss.

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

15. Discuss the political and economic reasons for the emergence of a labour movement in Australia.
16. Evaluate the significance of Gallipoli to the growth of national identity in **either** Australia **or** New Zealand.

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

17. “The desire for reform was the main cause of the 1911 Xinhai Revolution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
18. To what extent was Korea modernized under Queen Min’s leadership?

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

19. To what extent were Gandhi’s aims for the Indian independence movement achieved by 1947?
20. Evaluate the reasons for religious conflict in post-independence India.

Section 11: Japan (1912–1990)

21. Evaluate the impact of the Paris peace conference (1919) **and** the Washington Naval Conference (1921–1922) on Japan.
22. “The US occupation (1945–1952) transformed Japanese society.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 12: China and Korea (1910–1950)

23. “The May Fourth Movement was the main reason for the rise of national identity in China between 1910 and 1924.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
24. To what extent did economic and political factors lead to the defeat of the nationalists (Guomindang) in the Chinese Civil War (1946–1949)?

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

25. “The weakness of the colonial powers led to Japan’s initial victories in South-East Asia (1940–1942).” Discuss.
26. Discuss the role of resistance and collaboration in the Dutch East Indies/Indonesia during the Second World War.

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

27. Evaluate the economic and political impact of the Great Leap Forward on China by 1966.
28. Examine the reasons for changes in Sino-American relations between 1949 and 1976.

Section 15: Cold War conflicts in Asia

29. Evaluate the economic and political impact of the Korean War on the Korean peninsula.
30. “The failures of Sihanouk’s rule were the main reason for the rise of the Khmer Rouge.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 16: Developments and challenges in South Asia after 1947

31. “Political tensions were the main reason behind Bangladeshi independence in 1971.” Discuss.
32. To what extent was Indira Gandhi successful in responding to social and economic challenges in India?

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

33. Evaluate the impact of immigration on **either** Australia **or** New Zealand between 1945 and 2005.
34. Discuss the reasons for, **and** results of, the emergence of independent Pacific Island states.

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

35. To what extent has globalization had a positive impact on economic growth? Discuss with reference to **two** Asian countries (excluding China, Japan and India).
36. To what extent has religion been a cause of conflict in society up to 2005? Discuss with reference to **two** Asian countries (excluding China, Japan and India).
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