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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

8 May 2024

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

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: Indigenous societies and cultures in the Americas (c750–1500)

1. “Warfare was the most significant method of maintaining and expanding political organization in pre-Columbian societies.” To what extent do you agree with reference to **one** pre-Columbian society?
2. “A suitable climate determined the effectiveness of agricultural production.” To what extent do you agree with reference to **two** indigenous societies?

Section 2: European explorations and conquests in the Americas (c1492–c1600)

3. Evaluate the impact of the “Columbian Exchange” in the Americas.
4. To what extent did the New Laws of the Indies (1542) improve conditions for indigenous people?

Section 3: Colonial government in the New World (1500–1800)

5. Compare and contrast political organization in Spanish and Portuguese America.
6. “European mercantilist policies negatively affected economic development in colonial America.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 4: Religion in the New World (1500–1800)

7. “Indigenous religions fully adapted to Christianity.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. “During the 17th century, British North America was a religious refuge.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 5: Slavery and the New World (1500–1800)

9. Compare and contrast the reasons for slavery in **two** colonial powers in the Americas.
10. Discuss the reasons for, and impact of, slave rebellions in British America. Answer with reference to **one** or more slave rebellions up to 1800.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. “The causes of independence in the Americas were mainly economic.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. Compare and contrast the contributions of Washington and Bolivar to the process of independence.

Section 7: Nation-building and challenges (c1780–c1870)

13. To what extent did the Constitution of 1787 significantly change the US political system?
14. “The War of 1812 was mainly caused by territorial disputes.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 8: US Civil War: causes, course and effects (1840–1877)

15. To what extent were the crises of the 1850s the most important cause of the US Civil War?
16. Discuss the importance of effective leadership in determining the outcome of the US Civil War.

Section 9: The development of modern nations (1865–1929)

17. Examine the significance of ideological trends as influences on the modernization of **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Evaluate the successes and failures of either Theodore Roosevelt **or** Wilfrid Laurier in contributing to the transition to the modern era.

Section 10: Emergence of the Americas in global affairs (1880–1929)

19. “US entry into the Spanish–American War was mainly due to economic self-interest.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
20. Compare and contrast the impact of Theodore Roosevelt’s Big Stick policy and William Howard Taft’s Dollar Diplomacy on US–Latin American relations.

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. “The Mexican Revolution was mainly caused by a demand for political change.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
22. “The government of Madero (1910–13) was largely unable to achieve its aims.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 12: The Great Depression and the Americas (mid 1920s–1939)

23. To what extent was Franklin D Roosevelt’s New Deal an effective response to the challenges of the Great Depression?
24. Evaluate the effectiveness of RB Bennett’s response to the Great Depression.

Section 13: The Second World War and the Americas (1933–1945)

25. “Events in Europe and Asia mostly led to cooperation in the Americas between 1933 and 1945.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
26. To what extent was the US use of atomic weapons against Japan primarily for military reasons?

Section 14: Political developments in Latin America (1945–1980)

27. To what extent were Fidel Castro’s economic policies more successful than his cultural policies?
28. To what extent were political factors the main cause of the failure of elected leaders in Latin America?

Section 15: Political developments in the United States (1945–1980) and Canada (1945–1982)

29. “Watergate had little impact on the success of Nixon’s domestic policies.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
30. To what extent were the domestic policies of St Laurent successful?

Section 16: The Cold War and the Americas (1945–1981)

- 31. Evaluate the successes and failures of Truman’s foreign policy in the Americas.
- 32. Discuss the reasons which led to the US’s entrance into the Korean War (1950).

Section 17: Civil rights and social movements in the Americas post-1945

- 33. Examine the causes most responsible for the emergence of feminist movements in the Americas.
- 34. “The civil rights movement largely ended segregation in the South.” With reference to the period of 1945–1980, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

- 35. Evaluate the impact of Mulroney’s domestic policies between 1984 and 1993.
 - 36. To what extent did **one** country in the Americas effectively deal with the challenges imposed by terrorism up to 2005?
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