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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. Examine the political factors that led to independence movements in the Americas.
12. Compare and contrast the contributions of Bolivar and San Martin 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 was the compromise of 1850 the most important cause of the US Civil War?
16. “Reconstruction was a failure, largely due to southern resistance.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

17. Examine the significance of the development of trade as an influence on the modernization of **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Evaluate the contribution of either Booker T Washington **or** W E B Du Bois to the advancement of African American rights.

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

19. “US entry into the First World 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 Woodrow Wilson’s moral diplomacy on US–Latin American relations.

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. Evaluate the importance of economic factors in causing the Mexican Revolution.
22. “The government of Carranza (1914–20) 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. “The response of Latin America to the impact of the Great Depression was largely effective.” With reference to **one** Latin American country, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
24. Evaluate the impact of the New Deal on the US economy.

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

25. “The US followed a strict policy of neutrality prior to its entry into the Second World War.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
26. To what extent were the economic effects of the Second World War more significant than the diplomatic effects up to 1945? Answer with reference to **two** countries in the Americas.

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

27. To what extent were Fidel Castro’s political policies more successful than his social policies?
28. To what extent were economic 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. To what extent was Eisenhower’s foreign policy in the Americas successful?
32. Discuss the reasons which contributed to the US’s involvement in Chile in the period 1970–73.

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

33. Evaluate the effectiveness of the tactics used to advance the African American civil rights movement.
34. “Cesar Chavez was largely successful in advancing the interests of Hispanic Americans.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. Evaluate the impact of Chrétien’s domestic policies between 1993 and 2003.
 36. “The transition to democracy was the most important contribution to stability.” With reference to **two** Latin American countries, to what extent do you agree with this statement?
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