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History
Higher level
Paper 3 – history of the Americas

4 November 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. Compare and contrast the role and nature of the tribute in **two** indigenous societies.
2. “Religion played a limited role in maintaining power in indigenous societies.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

3. “Columbus had limited importance in the conquest of North America and the Caribbean.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. “The conquest of the Americas led to the destruction of the indigenous populations.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

5. “Bourbon reforms were effective in reducing political challenges in the Americas.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. Discuss the impact of the French and Indian Wars in North America.

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

7. Evaluate the success of indigenous resistance to Christianization.
8. “The Black Robes were of limited importance in the conquest of New France.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

9. “The main reason for slavery in the New World was a shortage of labour.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
10. Examine the significance of the Quakers in the opposition to slavery in British America.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. Evaluate the impact of military campaigns/battles on the outcome of **two** independence movements in Latin America.
12. “Independence had a negative impact on indigenous peoples in the Americas.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries in the Americas.

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

13. “Economic problems were the main challenges facing Latin American nations establishing political systems.” Discuss with reference to **one** country in the Americas.
14. Evaluate the political problems that Upper and Lower Canada faced prior to the 1837 rebellions.

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

15. To what extent did westward expansion make the greatest contribution to the outbreak of the Civil War?
16. “Reconstruction largely improved the lives of African Americans in the South.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

17. “Inter-American trade had limited impact on modern nations up to 1929.” Discuss with reference to **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Compare and contrast the aims and tactics of Booker T Washington and W E B Du Bois.

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

19. “The Spanish–American War (1898) was mainly caused by United States’ expansionism.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
20. Compare and contrast the economic impact of the First World War on **two** countries in the Americas.

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. Compare and contrast the aims and methods of Villa and Zapata during the Mexican Revolution.
22. “Obregón had a greater impact on post-revolutionary Mexico than Calles.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

23. Evaluate the political and economic causes of the Great Depression in the Americas.
24. Evaluate how successful the response was to the Great Depression in **one** country in the Americas.

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

25. Evaluate the significance of the use of atomic weapons against Japan in August 1945.
26. Discuss the importance of the involvement of any **two** countries in the Americas in the Second World War.

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

27. “Social inequality was the main factor leading to the Cuban Revolution.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
28. Discuss the impact of the economic policies of a military dictatorship in **one** Latin American country.

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

29. To what extent was Truman’s Fair Deal a success?
30. To what extent did Kennedy achieve the goals of the New Frontier?

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

- 31. To what extent did Kennedy’s policy of Alliance for Progress improve relations between the US and Latin America?
- 32. Compare and contrast the policies of Johnson and Nixon regarding US involvement in the Vietnam War.

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

- 33. Evaluate the contribution of the US Supreme Court in advancing the civil rights of African Americans up to 1980.
- 34. Evaluate the achievements of the Hispanic American movement in the United States up to 1980.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

- 35. To what extent were the domestic policies of GHW Bush mostly successful?
 - 36. “The impact made by violent movements was more significant than that made by non-violent movements.” Discuss with reference to **two** Latin American countries.
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