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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **WHI02/1B**

History

International Advanced Subsidiary

PAPER 2: Breadth Study with Source Evaluation

Option 1B: China, 1900–76

You must have:
Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ALL** questions in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Study Source 1 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.

- 1 (a) Why is Source 1 valuable to the historian for an enquiry into the responsibility for the outbreak of the crisis in Manchuria in 1931?

Explain your answer using the source, the information given about it and your own knowledge of the historical context.

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(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B.

You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.

EITHER

- 2 How accurate is it to say that the downfall of the Qing dynasty in 1912 was the most significant factor causing chaos in China in the years 1900–27?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3 How accurate is it to say that the impact of the Cold War on China changed during the years 1949–76?

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

OR

- 4 How significant were barefoot doctors in the development of health provision in China in the years 1949–76?

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

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Chosen question number: Question 2 ☒ Question 3 ☒ Question 4 ☒

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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Sources for use with Section A.

Source 1: From the *Judgement of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East*, 4 November 1948. The Tribunal was a trial of high-ranking Japanese military and political leaders for crimes committed in the years 1931–45. The judges came from the countries that fought against Japan. Here the *Judgement* sums up the events in Manchuria that provided the context to the Mukden Incident in 1931.

The evidence is plentiful and convincing that the 'Mukden Incident' was carefully planned beforehand by officers of the Japanese Army General Staff. Several of the participants have admitted their part in the plot and have stated that the aim of the 'Incident' was to provide an excuse for the occupation of Manchuria by the Japanese Army.

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Japan has claimed that the number of Chinese troops in Manchuria had been increased so that the 10,000 Japanese troops stationed there faced a hostile army of 200,000 men, armed with superior equipment. Japan has claimed that the behaviour of the Chinese troops towards the Japanese troops was provocative and insulting. Japan has claimed that, if the Chinese troops launched an unprovoked attack upon the Japanese troops, the Japanese would be overwhelmed. Therefore, the Japanese claimed that they drew up a plan to deliver a heavy blow to the Chinese forces in Mukden if the Chinese attacked.

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Japan's claims are false. The Chinese troops had no plan to attack the Japanese. The Tribunal rejects the Japanese defence.

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Source 2: From a 'Letter of Opinion' written by Peng Dehuai to Chairman Mao, 14 July 1959. Peng was Minister for Defence in the Chinese Communist Party. Here he reflects on the results of the Great Leap Forward.

The Great Leap Forward has basically proved the correctness of the Party decision for building socialism with greater, quicker and better economic results in a country like ours. This was a great success for China.

But we can see now that an excessive number of construction projects were hastily started in 1958. The completion of some essential projects had to be postponed because funds were spread across too many projects. We became aware of this too late. So, we continued with our Great Leap Forward instead of slowing down our pace. Consequently, imbalances were not corrected in time, and new temporary difficulties arose. 20

In the nationwide campaign to produce iron and steel, too many small blast furnaces were built, wasting material, money and manpower. This, of course, was a rather big loss. 25

A number of problems require attention:

1. There is a growing tendency towards boasting and exaggeration on an extensive scale. Last year, the grain output was overestimated. This created a false impression. Everyone thought that the food problem had been solved and that we could therefore focus entirely on industry; 30
2. We have been misled about the achievements of the Great Leap Forward. We believed we could enter a communist society in one stride. 35

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Source 2 from: <https://braddelong.substack.com/p/document-1959-07-14-peng-dehuai-to>

