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History

Higher level

Paper 3 – history of the Americas

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

1. “Warfare played a limited role in the maintenance and expansion of political organizations in pre-Columbian societies.” Discuss.
2. Compare and contrast the relationship between man and nature in **two** indigenous societies.

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

3. “Indigenous labour had little economic benefit for European conquerors.” Discuss.
4. Evaluate the impact of conflicting land claims on European exploration in the Americas.

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

5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the viceroyalty system in the Americas.
6. Evaluate the importance of gold, silver and sugar in colonial American economies.

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

7. Evaluate the cultural impact of the Catholic church in Spanish and Portuguese America.
8. “Jesuits actively collaborated with government authorities in the Americas.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

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

9. Evaluate the effectiveness of the *asiento* system in the expansion of slavery.
10. Evaluate the causes and effects of slave rebellions in British America.

Section 6: Independence movements (1763–1830)

11. Compare and contrast the causes of independence movements in **two** countries in the Americas.
12. “Enlightenment ideas played a limited role in the independence movements of the Americas.” Discuss.

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

13. Discuss the reasons for major compromises and changes in the US political system up to 1840.
14. “*Caudillos* were the biggest obstacle to the establishment of stable political systems in Latin America.” Discuss.

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

15. Compare and contrast the resources of the North and South at the beginning of the Civil War.
16. Evaluate the importance of African-Americans to the Union victory in the Civil War.

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

17. Evaluate the impact of railroad construction in **two** countries of the Americas.
18. “Political leaders achieved their political and economic aims in the transition to the modern era.” Discuss with reference to **one** leader in the Americas.

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

19. “US foreign policy towards Latin America between 1880 and 1929 was dominated by US expansionism.” Discuss.
20. Evaluate the factors that caused US entry into the First World War.

Section 11: The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)

21. “The Constitution of 1917 was more radical in nature than in application.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
22. “The Mexican Revolution had a greater impact on Mexican arts and culture than on Mexican politics.” Discuss.

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

23. “Franklin D Roosevelt’s New Deal eased the Great Depression, but did not resolve it.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
24. Discuss the economic and social challenges of the Great Depression in **one** Latin American country.

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

25. To what extent did reactions in the Americas change towards the challenges presented by events in Europe and Asia between 1933 and 1945?
26. Evaluate the economic impact of the Second World War on **two** countries in the Americas.

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

27. Discuss the reasons for the establishment of a dictatorship by the military in **one** Latin American country.
28. “Foreign intervention played a significant role in the origins of guerrilla movements.” Discuss with reference to **one** country.

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

29. “Kennedy was the first 20th-century president to promote civil rights for African-Americans.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
30. To what extent were Pearson and Trudeau successful in resolving the disputes raised by Quebec nationalism?

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

31. Evaluate the impact of McCarthyism on the domestic and foreign policies of the United States.
32. “The Cold War had limited impact on the foreign policy of countries in the Americas.” Discuss with reference to **one** country in the Americas (except the US).

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

33. Discuss the challenges and achievements of civil rights movements for indigenous peoples in the Americas.
34. “Local and state governments undermined the progress made by the federal government in securing African-American civil rights.” Discuss.

Section 18: The Americas (1980–2005)

35. Discuss the reasons for, and impact of, economic cooperation in the Americas.
 36. Evaluate the impact of 9/11 (the attacks on the US on 11 September 2001) on the region.
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