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**HISTORY PAPER 2**

11.00 am – 12.30 pm (1 hour 30 minutes)  
This paper must be answered in English

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This paper consists of seven essay-type questions, of which you may attempt any *two*.
2. Write your answers in the answer book. Start each question on a new page.

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end of the examination session

Answer any *two* questions.

1. Discuss the characteristics of the relationship between Hong Kong and mainland China in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
2. Compare reform and revolution as means of transformation in China in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, using one reform and one revolution within your History curriculum as examples.
3. 'In the period 1952-2000, Japanese diplomacy with other Asian countries aimed primarily at compensating its war guilt.' Do you agree? Explain your view.
4. 'The Great Depression was a more important factor than the Paris Peace Settlement (1919-23) in causing the Second World War.' Do you agree? Explain your view with reference to Europe's development in the period 1919-39.
5. In what ways did the USSR affect the development of the Cold War in the period 1946-91?
6. Do you agree that the United Nations served as an ideal platform for international cooperation? Explain your view with reference to its attempts at solving international conflicts and promoting international social and cultural cooperation in the period 1945-2000.
7. Suppose you were living in the 1960s in a country/region covered in your History curriculum, and had a strong urge to migrate to another country/region under a different regime. State the country/region in which you were living and that to which you planned to migrate, and explain the problems you were facing in the current country/region and the attractions of the new one.

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