

Answer any *two* questions.

1. Analyse the social, economic and cultural roles played by Hong Kong in the Asia-Pacific Rim in the period 1971-97.
2. Assess the significance of the 1911 Revolution and the May Fourth Movement in the modernisation of China in the period 1911-37.
3. 'Domestic problems were more important than the drive for foreign expansion in leading to the rise of militarism in Japan in the 1930s.' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your view with reference to Japan's development in the period 1918-37.
4. 'The failure of the League of Nations was **primarily** due to its **institutional weaknesses**.' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your view with reference to the historical development in the interwar period.
5. Examine the impact of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Community on the historical development of Europe in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
6. Assess the effectiveness of the efforts made by international organisations to tackle the problems of population and resources in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
7. Select one of the following years, and explain why it could be regarded as a turning point in the 20<sup>th</sup> century world history:
  - (a) 1929
  - (b) 1945
  - (c) 1991

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