

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. 'China attempted different explorations in modernisation in the first half of the 20th century.' Illustrate this statement with reference to China's political development in the period 1900-49.
2. Examine the impact on Japan of its foreign policy from 1931 to 1952.
3. Discuss the characteristics of different stages in regional cooperation in Southeast Asia since 1967.
4. Which factor – the failure of peace-keeping efforts or the Great Depression – was more important in causing the outbreak of the Second World War? Explain your view with reference to the historical development in the interwar period.
5. Analyse the factors that facilitated economic integration in Europe in the period 1946-2000.
6. Examine the roles played by the USA in the development of the Cold War in the period 1946-91.
7. "The ideas of individuals" is the main driving force in bringing about historical changes.' Do you agree with this statement? Select one of the following to explain your view.
 - (a) 'Socialism with Chinese characteristics' of Deng Xiao-ping and the achievement of China's economic modernisation
 - (b) The 'opposition to the apartheid' of Nelson Mandela and the end of apartheid in South Africa

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