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HIST  
PAPER 2

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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. 'In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Hong Kong's economic development brought about urbanisation, and urbanisation further facilitated its economic development.' Elaborate on this statement.
2. Examine China's efforts to strengthen its relations with other Asian countries since 1978.
3. 'The end of the Second World War brought about tremendous changes to Japan.' Comment on the validity of this statement with reference to Japan's development from the 1920s to the 1960s.
4. 'The rise of totalitarianism was a key factor in undermining the decisions made in the Paris Peace Conference (1919).' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your view.
5. Examine the factors that influenced Arab-Israeli relations after 1945.
6. Analyse the obstacles to international social and cultural cooperation in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
7. 'The historical development of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was progress from hostilities to collaboration.' Illustrate this statement with relevant historical examples from Themes A and B in the curriculum.

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