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HISTORY PAPER 2

(SAMPLE PAPER)

Time allowed: 1 hour and 15 minutes
This paper must be answered in English

- 1. This paper carries 30% of the subject marks and consists of seven essay-type questions, of which candidates may attempt any *two*.
- 2. Where a question is divided into a number of sub-questions, you **MUST** divide your answer into different parts accordingly. You risk mark penalties if you do not do so.

Answer any *two* of the following seven questions.

- 1. To what extent was Hong Kong modernised by the year 2000? Explain your answer with reference to Hong Kong's political and economic developments in the period 1970s-1990s. (15 marks)
- 2. Do you agree that militarism harmed rather than benefited Japan up to 1945? Explain your answer.

 (15 marks)
- 3. Compare the main features of China's modernisation efforts in the Maoist and post-Mao periods. (15 marks)
- 4. Trace and explain the development of Franco-German relations in the 20th century. (15 marks)
- 5. To what extent were Israeli-Arab conflicts caused by the racial factor? (15 marks)
- 6. How effective was the United Nations in solving environmental problems in the second half of the 20th century? (15 marks)
- 7. In what ways was the Second World War a turning point in 20th-century world history? Explain your answer with reference to any *one* country or region covered by this syllabus. (15 marks)

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