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HISTORY
HIGHER
Paper 1

Candidates should answer **two** questions, **one** from Historical Study: British History and **one** from Historical Study: European and World History.

All questions are worth 20 marks.



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HISTORICAL STUDY: BRITISH HISTORY

Answer ONE question. Each question is worth 20 marks.

Church, State and Feudal Society

1. To what extent can it be argued that the medieval church was more interested in politics than religion?
2. “The church was successful in maintaining its independence from the state by the end of the 14th century.” How valid is this view?
3. “David I of Scotland’s and Henry II of England’s attempts to increase royal authority were successful.” How valid is this view?

The Century of Revolutions 1603–1702

4. To what extent were the policies of Charles I in Scotland a success?
5. “Economic issues were the main reason for the outbreak of the English Civil War”. How valid is this view?
6. How important were political issues in bringing about the Revolution of 1688–9?

The Atlantic Slave Trade

7. To what extent was the development of the British economy in the 18th century due to the slave trade?
8. “Religious concerns affected how slaves were treated by their owners.” How valid is this view?
9. How important were the attitudes of British governments as an obstacle to ending the slave trade?

Britain 1851–1951

10. To what extent was Britain a democratic country by 1911?
11. “The part played by women in the war effort, 1914–1918, was crucial to women achieving the vote in 1918.” How valid is this view?
12. How effective were the Liberal reforms of 1906 to 1914 in dealing with the problem of poverty?

Britain and Ireland 1900–1985

13. “The First World War changed Irish attitudes towards British rule.” How valid is this view?
14. To what extent was the establishment of the Dáil the main obstacle to peace in Ireland, 1918–1921?
15. How important was the issue of Civil Rights in causing the crisis that developed in Northern Ireland up to 1968?

HISTORICAL STUDY: EUROPEAN AND WORLD

Answer ONE question. Each question is worth 20 marks.

The Crusades, 1071–1204

16. “Christians were motivated by a sense of adventure when they went on Crusade.” How valid is this view?
17. How far can it be argued that the success of the First Crusade was due to the religious zeal of the Crusaders?
18. “Saladin achieved more than Richard I both as a military leader and as a diplomat.” How valid is this view?

The American Revolution 1763–1787

19. How important was the punishment of Massachusetts in the colonists’ declaration of independence in 1776?
20. To what extent was opinion in Britain divided over the conflict in the American colonies?
21. “British military inefficiency was the main reason for the colonists’ victory in the American Revolution.” How valid is this view?

The French Revolution, to 1799

22. “The actions of Louis XVI were the most important reason for the collapse in royal authority by 1789.” How valid is this view?
23. How far was the failure to establish constitutional monarchy in France between 1789 and 1792 the result of the activities of the emigrés?
24. To what extent was political instability the main reason for the establishment of the Consulate in 1799?

Germany 1815–1939

25. To what extent had nationalism grown in Germany by 1850?
26. To what extent were religious differences the main obstacle to German unification by 1850?
27. How important was resentment towards the Treaty of Versailles in the rise of the Nazis to power by 1933?

Italy 1815–1939

28. To what extent had nationalism grown in Italy by 1850?
29. “The attitude of the Papacy was the most important obstacle to achieving Italian unification between 1815 and 1850.” How valid is this view?
30. How important was resentment towards the Peace Settlement in explaining why the Fascists achieved power in Italy by 1925?

Russia 1881–1921

31. “Defeat in the war with Japan was the main cause of the 1905 revolution in Russia.” How valid is this view?
32. How successful were the Tsar’s reforms in strengthening his authority between 1905 and 1914?
33. To what extent did the Bolsheviks gain power in October 1917 due to the Provisional Government’s decision to keep fighting in the First World War?

USA 1918–1968

34. How far was lack of political influence a major obstacle to black Americans gaining civil rights before 1941?
35. How far can the Wall Street Crash of 1929 be blamed for the economic crisis of 1929–1933 in America?
36. How important was the emergence of effective black leaders in the growing demand for civil rights between 1945 and 1968?

Appeasement and the Road to War, to 1939

37. To what extent was Fascist foreign policy based on aggressive methods?
38. How important was concern over the Empire in explaining the British policy of appeasement until 1938?
39. To what extent can the Munich agreement be seen as a triumph for British foreign policy?

The Cold War 1945–1989

40. To what extent did the Soviet Union deal effectively with the desire for reform in Eastern Europe by 1961?
41. How important was the foreign policy of the United States in causing the Cuban Crisis of 1962?
42. “The superpowers’ attempts to manage the Cold War between 1962 and 1985 were prompted by the development of surveillance technology.” How valid is this view?

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