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Introduction

This list of suggested Advanced Higher History dissertation titles offers scope for considerable research into major issues in the fields. It focuses on areas where there is sufficient evidence and historiography to produce a successful dissertation.

Candidates are required to place their issue in its historical context; to use a range of appropriate sources, both primary and secondary; and to take account of historical interpretations. Candidates should also apply their analytical skills to the issue and evidence, as this is often the single most valuable characteristic of a good dissertation.

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Northern Britain: from the Iron Age to 1034

To what extent was Iron Age society in Northern Britain shaped by warfare?

How valid is the view that Iron Age settlements in Northern Britain were primarily built for defence?

To what extent was Iron Age society in Northern Britain shaped by religious beliefs?

To what extent was agriculture the primary factor that shaped Iron Age society in Northern Britain?

To what extent were the Roman invasions of Northern Britain motivated by a desire for military glory?

Which Roman invasion of Northern Britain was the most successful in meeting its aims?

To what extent was military force the most successful method through which the Romans attempted to control Northern Britain?

To what extent were the Roman walls constructed to defend the Empire against invasion?

How valid is the view that the Roman walls were primarily symbols of power?

To what extent can it be argued that native resistance was the main reason for Rome's failure to complete the conquest of Northern Britain?

How valid is the view that Rome failed to have a significant impact on the native peoples of Northern Britain?

To what extent can it be argued that Rome had a positive impact on the native peoples of Northern Britain?

How far can it be argued that native paganism was the greatest obstacle to the conversion of the peoples of Northern Britain to Christianity?

How valid is that view that St Columba played the most significant role in the conversion of Northern Britain to Christianity?

To what extent can it be argued that the conversion to Christianity marked a turning point in the history of Northern Britain?

To what extent can it be argued that there is a 'Problem of the Picts'?

To what extent do the Pictish symbol stones represent warrior values?

How distinctive was Pictish society compared to others in Northern Britain in the post-Roman period?

How significant was the contribution made by the Britons of southern Scotland to the development of the Scottish nation, up to AD 1034?

How significant was the contribution made by the Angles of southern Scotland to the development of the Scottish nation, up to AD 1034?

How valid is the view that the Scots of Dál Riata were immigrants from Ireland?

How far can it be argued that economic opportunities were the main reason why the Vikings were attracted to Northern Britain?

To what extent was the desire for land the main reason why the Vikings were attracted to Northern Britain?

To what extent can it be argued that the Viking impact on Northern Britain was primarily destructive?

How valid is the view that the development of Alba during the 9th century was the result of a Scottish conquest of the Picts?

How valid is the view that Kenneth MacAlpin played a crucial role in the creation of Alba?

How far can it be argued that the emergence of Alba was the result of a peaceful process of cultural interaction and political assimilation?

To what extent had the distinctions between the different peoples of Northern Britain disappeared by AD 1034?

To what extent can Scotland be considered to have been a united country by AD 1034?

Scotland: independence and kingship, 1249–1334

To what extent was Alexander III's adult reign (1260–1286) unremarkable?

'An era of expansion, good governance and secure succession.' How accurate is this description of the adult reign of Alexander III, 1260–1286?

How successfully did the Guardians govern and secure the interests of the Scottish kingdom between 1286 and 1290?

How successfully did the Guardians govern and secure the interests of the Scottish kingdom between 1286 and 1291?

'The Guardians were politically astute and worked hard to secure Scotland's independence and political liberties.' How valid is this view?

To what extent was the decision in the Great Cause the correct legal outcome for Scotland in 1292?

How far did Edward I's role as judge across the Great Cause between 1291 and 1292 reflect his desire to further his own rather than Scottish interests?

To what extent was King John's lack of political ability the most important reason for the downfall of his reign by 1296?

'King John tried to assert his power and govern effectively.' How valid is this view that John's failures have been exaggerated?

'But for England's war against France, John Balliol could have become a successful king of Scots.' How valid is this statement?

To what extent was the collapse of the English administration in Berwick in 1297 due to Edward I's humiliation of King John and his kingdom in 1296?

'Edward I underestimated the cohesion of the Scottish kingdom.' How far do you agree that this was the most important reason for the collapse of English authority in Scotland in 1297?

To what extent was William Wallace's political role his most important contribution to Scottish independence between 1297 and 1305?

'We must not allow William Wallace to overshadow the many other Scots who played their part between 1297 and 1305.' How valid is this view?

Why, despite their defeat at Falkirk, were the Scots able to maintain their resistance to Edward I until 1304?

To what extent was the collapse of Scottish resistance in 1304 due to war weariness?

'Lack of unity was the most significant reason for the Scots' inability to retain their independence between 1296 and 1305.' How valid is this view?

'The Ordinance of Scotland (1305) failed to produce a lasting settlement in Scotland because it was too harsh.' How valid is this view?

'Robert Bruce's usurpation of the Scottish throne in 1306 was mainly due to his treatment by Edward I in 1305.' How valid is this view?

'Bruce was lucky — one of the key attributes of a successful leader.' How far can Robert I's military success between 1307 and 1309 be attributed to luck?

How important was King Robert's Scottish support to his military successes between 1307 and 1309?

How important was King Robert's Scottish support to his military successes between 1310 and 1323?

How successful was King Robert in eliminating Scottish opposition to his kingship between 1306 and 1309?

How successful was King Robert in eliminating Scottish opposition to his kingship between 1310 and 1323?

How far can it be claimed that Bannockburn ensured Scotland's war against England ended in stalemate in 1323?

To what extent was King Robert's governance of Scotland (1310–1320) driven by a desire to overcome his usurper status?

How important was propaganda in helping Robert I re-establish royal authority between 1310 and 1320?

How important was the death of Edward II in the creation of the Treaty of Edinburgh–Northampton in 1328?

To what extent was the failure to address the issue of the Disinherited the most important reason why the Treaty of Edinburgh–Northampton (1328) was short lived?

How effective was the Scottish Church in the struggle to maintain the independence of the Scottish kingdom between 1296 and 1306?

How important was the part played by the Comyn family in the wars of independence between 1286 and 1296?

How important was the part played by the Comyn family in the wars of independence between 1297 and 1306?

How important was the distraction of events in France in the ultimate failure of Edward I to conquer Scotland between 1296 and 1305?

How far was Scottish society and identity changed by the wars of independence between 1286 and 1305?

How far was Scottish society and identity changed by the wars of independence between 1306 and 1320?

How significant was the impact of the wars of independence on women in Scotland between 1286 and 1305?

How significant was the impact of the wars of independence on women in Scotland between 1306 and 1320?

To what extent were women able to influence the Scottish wars of independence between 1286 and 1305?

To what extent were women able to influence the Scottish wars of independence between 1306 and 1320?

Scotland: from the Treaty of Union to the Enlightenment, 1707–1815

Did those Scots who supported the Jacobites after 1714 do so primarily for ideological reasons?

Were religious factors the main reason for the failure of Jacobitism?

How important was Highland support to the Jacobite cause?

How far was Jacobite success dependent on the circumstances in Europe?

Does Prince Charles Edward Stuart bear the chief responsibility for the failure of the '45?

How accurate is it to generalise about a 'clan system' in the Highlands in the first half of the 18th century?

How far were changes in the Highlands between 1715 and 1800 chiefly due to long-term economic and social trends?

How far was economic growth in 18th century Scotland the result of the union with England?

Does location alone explain why Glasgow was so successful in developing as a centre for the tobacco trade?

To what extent did the improvements in the farming methods used in Lowland Scotland during the 18th century come from the work of a few enthusiasts?

How far do changes in agriculture in 18th century Scotland deserve to be called a revolution?

Was patronage the main reason why Henry Dundas was so successful in his management of Scottish politics between 1775 and 1800?

How corrupt were politics in 18th century Scotland?

How serious a threat to the established order was the political protest that developed in the 1790s?

How far is it true to say that the Kirk's position weakened during the 18th century?

How successful was the Scottish educational system of the 18th century in meeting the needs of the time?

How important were the achievements of the Scottish Enlightenment?

USA: 'A House Divided', 1850–1865

To what extent were African-Americans able to forge an individual identity in the antebellum South?

How successful were the Abolitionists in influencing events between 1854 and 1865?

'An issue on which neither North nor South could afford to lose.' To what extent does this statement explain why territorial expansion was such a divisive issue for the USA in the 1850s?

How far was sectionalism within the USA the main reason for the breakdown of the two-party national political system by the mid-1850s?

To what extent was the emergence of the Republican Party in the USA due to resentment in the North of the political power of the South?

To what extent did the Kansas–Nebraska Act lead to escalating tensions across the USA in the 1850s?

To what extent did the failings of others contribute to the emergence to political prominence of Abraham Lincoln?

How far can the Northern states be seen as most culpable for escalating tensions in the USA between 1850 and 1860?

How far can Abraham Lincoln be held responsible for the escalating crisis between 1860 and 1861?

How far can the outbreak of the American Civil War be attributed to a single cause?

How accurate is it to argue that the American Civil War could be seen as a conflict between an industrialised North and an agricultural South?

How important were sectional differences in the USA between North and South in causing the outbreak of Civil War in 1861?

How far can the outbreak of the American Civil War be attributed to a 'blundering generation'?

To what extent did the election of Abraham Lincoln as President in 1860 contribute to the outbreak of the American Civil War the following year?

To what extent was ideology the main reason people enlisted to fight during the American Civil War?

How important was naval power in determining the importance in Northern victory in the American Civil War?

To what extent did Jefferson Davis deal effectively with the challenges that emerged during the Civil War?

To what extent could the American Civil War be described as a 'total' war?

To what extent did Abraham Lincoln deal effectively with the challenges that emerged during the American Civil War?

How far does Abraham Lincoln deserve the title of 'Great Emancipator'?

How far does Abraham Lincoln deserve to be remembered as a great war leader?

To what extent has criticism of the presidency of Jefferson Davis been justified?

To what extent was the Emancipation Proclamation the result of immediate practical considerations rather than fundamental principles?

How significant was the contribution of African-American soldiers to the outcome of the American Civil War?

How far did the African-American contribution during the American Civil War impact on attitudes to them by 1865?

To what extent were Confederate attempts to gain foreign intervention in the American Civil War never likely to succeed?

How far does Robert E Lee deserve to be remembered as a great general?

How far does Ulysses S Grant deserve to be remembered as a great leader?

To what extent did the contribution of women sustain both sides during the American Civil War?

How far were the experiences of Northern and Southern women fundamentally different during the American Civil War?

To what extent does the concept of a 'turning point' help to explain the reasons for victory and defeat in the American Civil War?

Was Northern victory in the American Civil War primarily due to General Grant's leadership?

To what extent can it be argued that the Confederacy 'died of states' rights'?

General Lee observed 'The army of Northern Virginia has been forced to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources'. How accurate is this explanation of Southern defeat in the American Civil War?

To what extent can Northern claims of a 'slave power conspiracy' be justified?

To what extent were divisions between WL Garrison and other leading abolitionists responsible for limiting progress towards abolition by 1861?

Japan: the modernisation of a nation, 1840–1920

How secure was the control of mid-18th century Japan by the Tokugawa Bakufu?

How important were foreign pressures in causing the downfall of the Tokugawa Bakufu?

How crucial was the role of the Samurai in explaining the downfall of the Tokugawa Bakufu?

How far can it be argued that the nature of government and the political system really changed between 1840 and 1920 in Japan?

How valid is the view that the Emperor was a symbol of national unity rather than a possessor of real power between 1868 and 1912?

How far can it be argued that 1868 marked a turning point in the nature of government and the political system in Japan?

To what extent did religious and philosophical values change in Japan between 1840 and 1920?

To what extent were the reforms of the Meiji period the work of foreigners?

How popular were the reforms of the Meiji period with the Japanese people?

How far were Meiji reforms copied from Western countries?

To what extent were the Meiji social, political and economic reforms successful in achieving their aims?

How far can it be argued that economic changes transformed Japanese society between 1868 and 1920?

How important were the Zaibatsu in the economic transformation of Japan between 1868 and 1920?

How valid is the view that the changes that took place in Japan between 1850 and 1920 improved life for ordinary people?

To what extent did Japanese culture change during the Meiji period, 1868–1912?

How far did the social, political and economic changes that took place between 1850 and 1920 alter women's lives?

To what extent was Japanese imperial expansion the result of long-term planning?

How important was Korea to Japanese foreign policy?

Was military and naval reform the main reason Japanese forces defeated Russia between 1904 and 1905?

How far was military success the main reason Japan was able to rid itself of the Unequal Treaties?

How significant were the military victories over China and Russia in contributing to Japan's eventual overturning of the Unequal Treaties?

How far was Japan 'Westernised' between 1868 and 1920?

How accurate is it to say that Japan remained a rigid 'vertical society' after the Tokugawa period?

Did Japan remain a 'samurai nation' during the Meiji period?

To what extent could Japan be considered a 'Great Power' by 1920?

Germany: from democracy to dictatorship, 1918–1939

'Revolution from above' or 'revolution from below'. Which better explains the causes of the German 'revolution' of 1918 to 1919?

To what extent was there a 'revolution' in Germany between 1918 and 1923?

How significant were the consequences of military defeat for Germany between 1918 and 1933?

'The terms of the Versailles Treaty were too big a burden for the Weimar Republic.' How valid is this judgement of the impact of Versailles on the Weimar Republic between 1919 and 1923?

How significant were the effects of the Treaty of Versailles on German political life between 1919 and 1933?

To what extent did the Weimar Constitution enable the creation of a sound basis for democracy between 1919 and 1933?

How far did Weimar democracy face a serious challenge from left-wing forces between 1919 and 1923?

How significant was the impact of the Right on German political life between 1919 and 1923?

To what extent did the effects of the economic crisis of 1923 undermine support for democracy and the Weimar Republic up to 1933?

How soundly based was economic recovery in Germany between 1924 and 1929?

'Weimar's Golden Years.' How accurate is this view of Germany's economic history between 1924 and 1929?

How successful was Stresemann's foreign policy?

'A great European rather than a good German.' How accurate is this view of Gustav Stresemann?

How secure was democracy in Germany by 1928?

To what extent were cultural and artistic developments of the Weimar period between 1919 and 1933 welcomed by Germans?

How significant were economic factors in the collapse of Weimar democracy between 1928 and 1933?

How far does economic collapse explain why the forces of radical extremism dominated German political life from 1928 to 1933?

How accurate is the description of Chancellor Heinrich Brüning as 'the last defender of Weimar democracy'?

How significant was the role of political intrigue in the collapse of the Weimar Republic between 1929 and 1933?

How important was the use of propaganda as a factor enabling the Nazis to become Germany's largest political party between 1928 and the end of 1932?

How far does the collapse of the parties of the centre explain the failure of Weimar democracy between 1928 and the end of 1932?

Was the Nazi Party essentially a middle-class party or a Volkspartei (people's party)?

To what extent were the aims of those who helped bring Hitler into power between 1928 and 1933 realistic?

'A strong leader but a weak dictator.' How accurate is this view of Hitler between 1933 and 1939?

How significant were the SS and Gestapo in maintaining the Nazis hold on power between 1933 and 1939?

How successful were Nazi economic policies between 1933 and 1939?

How important was rearmament in the 'Nazi economic miracle' between 1933 and 1939?

How important was the contribution of Brüning to the Nazi government's economic policies before 1933?

How important was propaganda in maintaining the Nazis hold on power between 1933 and 1939?

How far was culture in the Third Reich between 1933 and 1939 a tool of Nazism?

How successful by 1939 were the Nazis' attempts to create a Volksgemeinschaft (a national community of all the people)?

How far did policies towards women succeed in achieving the aims of the Nazis between 1933 and 1939?

To what extent had the Christian Churches become tools of the Nazi regime by 1939?

How far were the Nazis' anti-Semitic policies between 1933 and 1939 supported by Germans?

How effective was the implementation of Nazi policies of social exclusion between 1933 and 1939?

To what extent was racism the most important factor in determining the domestic policy of the Nazi government between 1933 and 1939?

To what extent has opposition and resistance to Nazism between 1933 and 1939 been underestimated?

How far can German foreign policy between 1933 and 1939 be explained in terms of Hitler's obsessive racism?

South Africa: race and power, 1902–1984

How significant was Afrikaner defeat in the Boer War in shaping Anglo–South African relations before 1924?

To what extent was the rapid extension of segregation before 1939 driven by the demands of the economy?

How significant were economic factors in the rapid extension of segregation before 1939?

How significant was organised resistance to segregation before 1948?

How significant were the achievements of organised resistance to segregation before 1948?

Does Jan Smuts deserve to be remembered as a great South African political leader?

To what extent was JBM Hertzog's dominant role in South African politics between 1918 and 1939 due to his appeal to working class voters?

How great were the differences between the policies of Smuts and Hertzog, 1910–39?

How important a contribution did the Broederbond make to the growth of Afrikaner nationalism between 1918 and 1948?

To what extent was the growth of Afrikaner nationalism between 1918 and 1948 due the influence of the Dutch Reformed Church?

How important was the contribution of Dr DF Malan to the growth of Afrikaner nationalism between 1918 and 1948?

How significant a part did South African involvement in the Second World War play in the defeat of the United Party in 1948?

How significant were economic factors in the development of Apartheid?

To what extent did Apartheid policies undergo a fundamental change from 1959?

How important was Verwoerd's contribution to the development of the Apartheid state?

How effective was White opposition to Apartheid?

Did the ANC achieve anything worthwhile between 1948 and 1964?

To what extent was the Sharpeville Massacre a turning point in the history of South Africa?

How important was the role of Oliver Tambo in the development of resistance to Apartheid?

To what extent has Nelson Mandela's contribution to the ANC before 1984 been exaggerated?

How significant was the Soweto uprising of 1976 in changing the direction of government policy?

How significant a contribution did the Black Consciousness Movement make to the revival of African resistance within South Africa after 1964?

To what extent was Apartheid dismantled by BW Vorster and PW Botha, 1975–1984?

How seriously had National Party control over South Africa been undermined by 1984?

How great were the effects of pressures from foreign countries on Apartheid policies between 1960 and 1984?

How significant a part did the Cold War play in determining the responses of Western powers to Apartheid in South Africa until 1984?

Russia: from Tsarism to Stalinism, 1914–1945

To what extent was Tsar Nicholas II responsible for the collapse of autocracy in Russia by 1917?

How persuasive is the 'Pessimistic' argument that the 1917 February Revolution was unavoidable?

'World War One was the spark which set the combustible alight.' How valid is this view of the reason for the collapse of autocracy in Russia in 1917?

How spontaneous was the February Revolution?

Did the Provisional Government collapse or was it overthrown?

To what extent was the Provisional Government doomed from the start?

To what extent was the October Revolution due to policy mistakes made by the Provisional Government?

Why were the Bolsheviks able to seize power in October but not in February?

How surprising is the Bolshevik achievement in the 1917 October Revolution?

October 1917 — popular movement or Bolshevik coup d'état?

How far does White disunity explain why the Reds won the Civil War?

To what extent has Trotsky's contribution to the Red Army's victory in the Civil War been exaggerated?

To what extent was Trotsky's leadership during the Civil War the most important factor in the Red victory?

To what extent was Allied intervention the main reason for Red victory in the Civil War?

To what extent was the Treaty of Brest–Litovsk, the key to the Bolshevik strategy for retaining power?

How far was War Communism a doctrine or an expedient?

How successful was the New Economic Policy?

What was the main factor which influenced the development of Soviet economic policy between 1917 and 1921?

To what extent had Lenin's aims in October 1917 been achieved by the time of his death in 1924?

Was the development of the Soviet state between 1917 and 1924 more the product of circumstance than ideology?

How far does the nature of Bolshevism itself explain the development of a one-party state, 1917–1924?

To what extent did the role of women change in Leninist Russia, 1917–1924?

How great was Trotsky's contribution to the establishment and consolidation of the Bolshevik state?

How significant was the Comintern in the development and motivation of Russian foreign policy between the wars?

To what extent was the conflict between Stalin and Trotsky one of ideology?

How far can Stalin's rise to supreme power be ascribed to opportunism?

How far can Stalin's rise to supreme power be ascribed to his position as Communist Party Secretary?

To what extent was Stalin's rise to supreme power mainly the result of mistakes made by Trotsky?

Did Bukharin provide a viable third way for the Communist party in the 1920s?

To what extent did Trotsky forge the weapons that destroyed his leadership ambitions?

To what extent did ideology bring about the Five Year Plans?

How successful was Stalin's policy of industrialisation?

How extensive was the social unrest that occurred as a result of industrialisation?

How justified was collectivisation?

To what extent did the benefits of the collectivisation of Soviet agriculture outweigh the costs?

To what extent were Stalin's economic policies determined by fear of invasion from the West?

'Socialism in one country.' To what extent does this define Stalinism?

To what extent were the Purges in 1930s Russia caused by Stalin's paranoia?

How significant were the effects of the Purges of the 1930s on Soviet society?

How significant was fear of invasion as a cause of the Purges in 1930s Russia?

How significant were the Purges of the 1930s in the creation of the totalitarian state?

To what extent was the Soviet Union under Stalin a totalitarian state?

Homo Sovieticus: to what extent did a distinctive human lifestyle emerge for the Russian people under Stalinism?

Was Stalin the true heir of Lenin?

To what extent did the role of women change in Stalinist Russia between 1928 and 1945?

'The wonder is not that its influence was so reduced, but that it survived at all.' How far can this evaluation of the status of the Church in the Soviet Union to 1945 be sustained?

Socialist realism: how much more was there to cultural development in the Soviet Union under Stalin than pure propaganda?

How much influence did the secret police have in the Soviet Union under Lenin?

How much influence did the secret police have in the Soviet Union under Stalin?

What factors best explain Stalin's grip on power in the 1930s?

To what extent was fear the main reason for Stalin's effective control of the Soviet Union in the 1930s?

To what extent was Stalin's Russia built on fear?

How skilful was Soviet diplomacy in the Second World War?

'Stalin the Generalissimo': myth or fact?

How significant was Stalin's leadership in the Soviet victory in the Second World War?

To what extent was the Red Army's success at Stalingrad crucial to Soviet victory in the Second World War?

To what extent were German mistakes the key reason for Soviet victory in the Great Patriotic War?

Spain: the Civil War — causes, conflict and consequences, 1923–1945

To what extent were the reforms of the Dictadura successful?

To what extent was the fall of the Monarchy in 1931 due to Alfonso's incompetence?

Was the Agrarian Problem the most fundamental rift in Spanish society up to 1936?

How dominant a role did the Roman Catholic Church play in Spanish life from 1931 to 1939?

How significant a role did the army play in Spanish politics between 1931 and 1936?

Were the differences between Basque and Catalan nationalism greater than those things they had in common?

How far can it be argued that divisions within the Left were the main cause of political failure in Spain between 1931 and 1936?

How accurate is it to describe the actions of the CNT/FAI between 1931 and 1936 as a 'continuous insurrection' against the Republic?

'The new regime was to fail because it neither carried through its threatened reforms nor fulfilled the utopian expectations of its fervent supporters.' How valid is this view of Azana's Government, 1931–1933?

How important in setting Spain on a road to civil war was the decision to invite the CEDA into the government in 1934?

How far did the election victory of the Popular Front in 1936 make civil war inevitable?

'War or Revolution?' To what extent did this debate affect strategy on the Republican side during the Civil War?

Was the unity of the Nationalist side reality or myth?

How far was terror used as an instrument of policy by the combatants during the Spanish Civil War?

To what extent was Franco's rise to leadership of the Nationalists due to good fortune?

How much effect did air power have on the course of the Spanish Civil War?

How great a role did the Communist Party play in the defence of the Republic between 1936 and 1939?

How far can it be argued that the role of Dolores Ibárruri (La Pasionaria) on the Republican side was merely symbolic?

'Despite the heroism of its soldiers, the Republican army was let down by its commanders.' How fair is this comment on the performance of the Republic's forces?

How important were the International Brigades to the Republic?

To what extent were the International Brigades motivated by a genuine desire to defend the Spanish Republic?

How important was the role of women in the Spanish Civil War?

How important was German and/or Italian aid to the Nationalists?

Was the attitude of the British Government to the Spanish Civil War neutral or pro-nationalist?

Was Soviet policy toward Republican Spain a 'help or hindrance' to the Republican side?

'Soviet aid to the Republic was calculated to prolong resistance; that given by the Axis to Franco was aimed at ensuring victory.' How valid is this analysis of the foreign aid sent to Spain?

Was the leadership of Franco the main reason that the Nationalists were able to turn a failed coup into a successful war?

Was oppression of the population the main consequence of Franco's victory in the Spanish Civil War?

Britain: at war and peace, 1938–1951

To what extent was Britain on the eve of the Second World War characterised by social and economic inequality?

To what extent had Neville Chamberlain's Government prepared Britain for war by September 1939?

To what extent was Chamberlain's resignation in May 1940 due to his ineffectiveness as a war leader?

How important was Winston Churchill's leadership to Britain's success in the Second World War?

To what extent was Churchill's wartime diplomacy his most significant contribution to securing his reputation as an outstanding war leader?

'The RAF prevented invasion in 1940.' How accurate is this assessment of the failure of the planned German invasion?

'The use of technology was the main reason for Britain's success during the Battle of Britain.' How accurate is this view?

Was the British bombing offensive worth the costs in men and resources that were invested in it?

How effectively did the British Army fulfil its role during the Second World War?

How justified is criticism of the Royal Navy for taking so long to win the battle of the Atlantic?

'The British Empire and its dominions played a crucial role in the Second World War.' How valid is this view?

'The evacuation at Dunkirk in 1940 grasped victory from certain defeat.' How accurate is this view?

How effective were British civil defence measures in coping with the Nazi threat, 1939–1945?

How effective were the evacuation measures introduced by the British Government in coping with the Nazi threat, 1939–1945?

How important was the part played by Labour ministers on the Home Front during the Second World War?

How justified was Britain's treatment of foreign nationals between 1939 and 1945?

How far did the Second World War lead to a reduction of social class divisions in Britain?

'Different classes experience different wars.' To what extent is this true of Britain during the Second World War?

'War is the locomotive of social change.' To what extent is this true of the Second World War in Britain?

To what extent were the apparent gains in status made by women during the Second World War lost by 1951?

To what extent was the Labour Party's victory at the 1945 General Election due to the shortcomings of the Conservative Party?

How effectively did the Labour Governments manage the economy between 1945 and 1951?

How effective was Clement Attlee as a Prime Minister between 1945 and 1951?

Does Ernest Bevin deserve to be remembered as a great Foreign Secretary?

'The collapse of British Imperial power can be traced directly to the impact of World War II.' How valid is this view?

'The promises made in the Labour Party's 1945 General Election Manifesto, Let Us Face the Future, were never fully realised.' How accurate is this view?

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