



HISTORY
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PAPER 3 – AMERICAS

Wednesday 11 May 2005 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.

1. Compare and contrast the reasons for the establishment of slavery in **two** areas of the Americas.
2. “Wars of Independence in the Americas were primarily caused by political grievances.” To what extent do you agree with this view? Support your answer with detailed reference to any **one** war of independence in the period 1775 to 1824.
3. Analyse the main problems facing the United States under the Articles of Confederation (1781). How far did the United States Constitution (1788) solve them?
4. Analyse the main arguments of
 - (a) those who supported slavery;
 - (b) those who opposed slavery.
5. “Abraham Lincoln’s leadership was the main reason why the Union won the Civil War.” To what extent do you agree with this claim?
6. Why were many Canadian provinces initially opposed to Confederation, and why did some of them join the Confederation in 1867 sanctioned by the British North America Act?
7. In what ways, and to what extent, did the building of railroads stimulate economic activity in the Americas in the second half of the nineteenth century?
8. Compare and contrast the aims of education in any **two** countries of the region, in the period 1850 to 1919.
9. What were the aims of the Progressives, and to what extent were they achieved by 1920? Support your answer with specific examples from one **or** more countries of the region.
10. “The Spanish-American War of 1898 was a turning point in relations between the United States and Latin America.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
11. Compare and contrast the views of Booker T Washington (1856-1915) and Martin Luther King Jnr (1929-68) on the advancement of African-Americans.
12. How successful were both moderates and radicals in achieving their aims in the Mexican Revolution by the end of the 1920s?
13. With reference to **one** country of the region, analyse the causes of the Great Depression and assess the political impact of the Great Depression on that country.

14. In what ways, and for what reasons, did the relationship between Canada and Britain change between 1900 and 1939?
 15. Explain why liberalism had become discredited in Latin America by the 1930s. Answer with reference to **one** country of the region.
 16. Analyse the aims and achievements of **one** populist leader in Latin America in the first half of the twentieth century.
 17. With reference to **one** country of the region, evaluate the impact of the Second World War on the economy and on minority groups.
 18. In what ways, and with what results, did the Cold War influence relations between **either** Latin America **or** Canada with the United States in the period 1945 to 1957?
 19. “The Vietnam War had a disastrous effect on the presidencies of both Lyndon B Johnson and Richard Nixon.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 20. Compare and contrast the Cold War policies of **two** of the following US presidents: Harry S Truman (1945-53); Dwight D Eisenhower (1953-61); Ronald Reagan (1981-89).
 21. Evaluate the impact of Black Power on the civil rights movement in the United States during the second half of the 1960s.
 22. For what reasons, and with what results for the economy of Cuba, did Castro become ruler of Cuba?
 23. Analyse the main political and economic developments in Canada during the period 1960 to 1990.
 24. In what ways, and to what extent, did the role and status of women change in **one** country of the region during the twentieth century?
 25. Assess the main obstacles faced by American countries in order to achieve full implementation of **two** of the following: Pacto Andino; NAFTA; Mercosur.
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