HISTORY
HIGHER LEVEL
PAPER 3 – AMERICAS

Wednesday 14 May 2003 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.
1. Explain why the treatment of indigenous peoples in the colonial period differed considerably according to the origin of the colonists.

2. Analyse the role of different social classes in the Wars of Independence in either the United States or Latin America.

3. Compare and contrast the role of leadership of two of the following: Washington, Jefferson, Bolívar, San Martín.

4. What were the main features of the Articles of Confederation, and how successful was the government that resulted from them?

5. Discuss the reasons why the Durham Report recommended French-Canadian assimilation.

6. “The wasteful economy of slavery was replaced by the productive economy based on salary.” With reference to two countries of the region, explain to what extent you agree with this view.

7. Analyse the immediate and longer-term political effects of the United States Civil War in the period 1865 to 1896.

8. Using specific evidence from one or more countries in the region, assess to what extent immigrants’ expectations of social and economic opportunities were fulfilled in the period 1850 to 1919.

9. Assess the influence of intellectuals on society in one country in the region, in the period 1890-1919.

10. In what ways, and for what reasons, did the aims of the Progressives appeal to people in the Americas from the late 1890s to 1914? Support your answer with specific evidence from one or more countries in the region.

11. With reference to two countries in the region analyse the reasons for, and the effects of, the Good Neighbor Policy of the United States.

12. To what extent did foreign intervention prolong the Mexican Revolution?
13. How successful were government programmes in solving problems caused by the Great Depression, in two countries of the region?

14. “The political and economic impact of the First World War on Canada was more positive than negative.” How far do you agree with this judgment?

15. In what ways, and to what extent, were the policies of either Vargas or Perón successful in achieving their aims?

16. Assess the effects of the Second World War on women and minorities in two countries in the region.

17. Either

   Analyse the impact of the Cold War on Canada in the period 1945 to 1965.

   Or

   Explain why the Cold War provided favourable circumstances for the establishment of military leaders in any two countries in Latin America.

18. Assess the achievements and limitations of the domestic policies of one of the following presidents: Lyndon B Johnson (1963–9); Jimmy Carter (1977–81); Ronald Reagan (1981–9).


20. “The outcome of the Vietnam War was determined not on the battlefield, but on the television screen.” How far do you agree with this judgment?

21. Account for the development of the Civil Rights movement in the USA during the 1950s. To what extent had the movement achieved its aims by the time of the March on Washington (August 1963)?

22. Analyse the successes and failures of Castro’s social and economic policies in the period 1960-1990.
23. Assess the contribution of foreign investment and transnationals to the economic development of Canada since 1950.

24. “Technology is a new type of imperialism.” Discuss this statement with reference to the impact of technology upon at least one country in the Americas during the twentieth century.

25. To what extent was the Organization of American States (OAS) successful in achieving its aims in the period 1950 to 1970?