

External Assessment 2023

MODERN HISTORY

HSM315117

Pages: 12

Questions: 12

Answer Booklets: 3

Preparation time for this exam: 15 minutes

Suggested working time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- There are **three (3)** sections to this paper.
- You must answer **one (1)** question from **each section** in **extended essay form**:
 - **Section A** – answer **one (1)** question
 - **Section B** – answer **one (1)** question
 - **Section C** – answer **one (1)** question.
- Write your answers for each section in a **separate answer booklet** and write the question number you are answering on the front cover of each answer booklet.
- The exam is **three (3) hours** in length. The suggested working time for each section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
- All answers must be written in **English**.
- You **must** make sure your answers address the listed criteria.

Guide to Exam Structure

		Questions available	Questions to answer	Suggested working time	Marks available
Section	A	4	1	60 minutes	All criteria are assessed using extended ratings of A+ to z
Section	B	4	1	60 minutes	
Section	C	4	1	60 minutes	
Totals		12	3	180 minutes (3 hours)	A+ to z rating

Criteria

You **must** make sure your answers address:

- Criterion 3 communicate historical ideas and information
- Criterion 4 use evidence to support historical interpretations and arguments
- Criterion 5 assess drivers of social, economic and political change and nature and impact of changes in modern history
- Criterion 6 describe and assess internal and external threats on the history of modern nations
- Criterion 7 describe and assess key concepts of differing historical interpretations on issues affecting the modern world.

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Section A

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in **extended essay** form.
 - In your answer you must refer to **one (1)** country from the Modern Western Nations in the 20th Century listed below:
 - United States of America, 1917 – 1945
 - Australia, 1918 – 1949
 - Germany, 1918 – 1945
 - Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917 – 1953.
 - Write your answer in a **separate answer booklet** and write the country chosen on the front cover.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 5**.
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Question 1

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have little.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

Through examining the drivers of the social, economic and political changes that took place within the USA from **either** 1917 – 1932 **or** 1933 – 1945, assess whether successive governments from **either** 1917 – 1932 **or** 1933 – 1945 were in fact able to provide enough for those who have little.

OR

Question 2

“Australia was a conservative nation that deliberately changed little.”

Through examining what drove social, economic and political change and the nature and impact of those changes from **either** 1918 – 1939 **or** 1939 – 1949, discuss and assess whether this is an accurate interpretation of your selected period (**either** 1918 – 1939 **or** 1939 – 1949).

OR

Question 3

“From days of hope to years of horror.” Douglas Newton

Through examining and assessing the drivers of the social, economic and political changes that took place in Germany and the nature and impact of those changes in your chosen period (**either** 1918 – 1932 **or** 1933 – 1945), discuss whether this is a valid and accurate interpretation of Germany from **either** 1918 – 1932 **or** 1933 – 1945.

OR

Question 4

“Revolution consists not in the new class commanding, governing with the aid of the old state machine, but in this class smashing this machine and commanding, governing with the aid of a new machine.” Lenin

Assess the extent to which the leaders of the USSR implemented Lenin’s description of revolution for **either** the period 1917 – 1929 **or** 1929 – 1953. Discuss and assess the significance of other factors and forces in driving social, economic and political change for your chosen period (**either** 1917 – 1929 **or** 1929 – 1953).

Section B

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in **extended essay** form.
 - In your answer you must refer to **one (1)** country from the Modern Asian Nations in the 20th Century listed below:
 - Japan, 1931 – 1952
 - India, 1930 – 1984
 - Indonesia, 1942 – 1975
 - China, 1935 – 1976.
 - Write your answer in a **separate answer booklet** and write the country chosen on the front cover.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 6**.
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Question 5

Describe the significant internal divisions and the external challenges that confronted Japan from **either** 1931 – 1941 **or** 1941 – 1952. Assess the role and the impact of **at least two (2)** significant individuals and/or groups in your chosen period (**either** 1931 – 1941 **or** 1941 – 1952).

OR

Question 6

Describe the significant internal divisions and the external threats that confronted India for your chosen period (**either** 1930 – 1947 **or** 1947 – 1984). Assess the role and the impact of **at least two (2)** significant individuals and/or groups in your chosen period (**either** 1930 – 1947 **or** 1947 – 1984).

OR

Question 7

Describe the significant internal divisions and the external threats that confronted Indonesia (the Dutch East Indies) during your period of study (**either** 1942 – 1965 **or** 1965 – 1975). Assess the role and the impact of **at least two (2)** significant individuals and/or groups in your chosen period (**either** 1942 – 1965 **or** 1965 – 1975).

OR

Question 8

Describe the significant internal divisions and the external threats that confronted China during your period of study (**either** 1935 – 1949 **or** 1949 – 1976). Assess the role and the impact of **at least two (2)** significant individuals and/or groups in your chosen period (**either** 1935 – 1949 **or** 1949 – 1976).

Section C

- Answer **one (1)** question in this section in **extended essay** form.
 - In your answer you must refer to **one (1)** topic from The Changing World Order, 1945 – 2010, listed below:
 - The Cold War
 - Australia’s Engagement with Asia
 - Peace, Conflict and the Nature of Terrorism
 - Patterns of Migration.
 - Write your answer in a **separate answer booklet** and write the country chosen on the front cover.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 7**.
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Question 9

Revisionist historians believe that the USA should bear the responsibility for the Cold War due to their (the USA’s) expansionist policies and the Soviet Union’s weakened state after World War II. Through reference to **the origins** of the Cold War and **at least three (3)** specific incidents during the Cold War, and using opinions from historians, assess whether the Revisionist view is a fair and accurate interpretation of **both** the origins **and** the course of the Cold War.

OR

Question 10

With reference to **either** China **or** India **or** Indonesia **or** Japan **or** Vietnam, and using evidence and interpretations from commentators and historians, describe and discuss how the changing characteristics of your chosen nation since 1945 has influenced relations between Australia and that country since the end of World War II.

OR

Question 11

Using evidence from specific events and incidents, and interpretations from commentators and historians, discuss the origins and the changing nature of terrorism as a political, ideological and economic weapon since World War II and briefly assess the impact of the USA's 'War on Terror'.

OR

Question 12

Through discussion of displacement arising from various incidents of conflict and persecution from 1945 – 2010, assess the major consequences of the movements of peoples in the period 1945 – 2010. You must include interpretations from commentators and historians in your response.

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