

External Assessment 2024

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 exam paper.
- You must answer **one (1)** question from **each section** in extended **essay format**:
 - **Section A** – answer **one (1)** question
 - **Section B** – answer **one (1)** question
 - **Section C** – answer **one (1)** question.
- Answer each section in a **separate answer booklet** and write the question number you are answering on the front cover of each answer booklet.
- 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.

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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)	

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.

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.
 - Use a **separate answer booklet** for this section and write the country chosen on the front cover.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criterion 3, 4 and 5**.
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Question 1

“I see one third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

Through an examination of the major social, political and economic developments within the USA from **either** 1917–1932 **or** 1933–1945 assess the extent to which the poverty identified by Roosevelt drove social, economic and political change. Were other factors more important? Briefly assess the extent to which successive governments from **either** 1917–1932 **or** from 1933–1945 were able to address the significant divisions within American society.

OR

Question 2

“The national pride and identity fostered by the Anzac Legend prevented meaningful social, economic and political change in Australia in the subsequent decades”.

Through an examination of social, economic and political developments in Australia from **either** 1918–1939 **or** 1939–1949, discuss and assess whether this is a fair and reasonable interpretation of your selected period (**either** 1918–1939 **or** 1939–1949).

OR

Question 3

“Vengeance! German nation! Today in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, the disgraceful treaty is being signed. Do not forget it! The German people will... press forward to reconquer the place among the nations to which it is entitled. Then will come vengeance for the shame of 1919!”

Deutsche Zeitung newspaper, June 1919

Through an examination of some of the developments and changes in Germany in your chosen period (**either** 1918–33 **or** 1933–1945) and with reference to the above quotation, assess the extent to which the humiliation of defeat in World War I was the major driver of the social, economic and political changes that took place.

OR

Question 4

“Under Lenin, the Soviet Union was like a religious revival, under Stalin like a prison...” Zbigniew Brzezinski

Through an examination of the major changes that transformed the USSR between **either** the period 1917–1929 **or** the years 1929–1953 and with reference to the above quotation, discuss and assess the nature and impact of the economic, social and political changes 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.
 - Use a **separate answer booklet** for this section and write the country chosen on the front cover.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criterion 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. Critically assess the opinion that the challenges faced were primarily of Japan’s own making and not due to external factors 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 in your chosen period of study (**either** 1930–1947 **or** 1947–1984). Critically assess the opinion that internal challenges were more important than external threats in shaping India 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). Critically assess the opinion that Indonesia's (the Dutch East Indies') strategic location meant external threats were more important than internal challenges in shaping the nation 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). Critically assess the opinion that internal chaos had far more impact than external threats 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 listed below:
 - The Cold War
 - Australia’s Engagement with Asia
 - Peace, Conflict and the Nature of Terrorism
 - Patterns of Migration.
 - Use a **separate answer booklet** for this section and write the topic chosen on the front cover.
 - The suggested working time for this section is **approximately 60 minutes**.
 - This section assesses **Criterion 3, 4 and 7**.
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Question 9

“Both the United States and the Soviet Union had been born in revolution. Both embraced ideologies with global aspirations: what worked at home, their leaders assumed, would also do so for the rest of the world.” John Lewis Gaddis

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 above quote is an accurate explanation and interpretation of **both** the origins **and** the course of the Cold War.

OR

Question 10

How have relations between Australia and one Asian country (**either** China **or** India **or** Indonesia **or** Japan **or** Vietnam) changed since 1945? How do historians and commentators interpret and explain these changes?

OR

Question 11

“Governments and non-state groups use the term terrorism to abuse or denounce opposing groups.”

Using evidence from specific events and incidents, and interpretations from commentators and historians, discuss how the nature, methods and motivations of terrorists have changed since World War II. Briefly assess whether terrorism is just a label applied to opposing groups.

OR

Question 12

Through an examination of the patterns of migration from 1945–2010, assess whether there has been any significant change in the factors leading to the movements of peoples. Assess some of the more significant impacts of the movements of peoples on the Western World in the period 1945–2010. You must include interpretations from commentators and historians in your response.

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