

HISTORY PAPER 2

11.00 am – 12.15 pm (1 hour 15 minutes)
This paper must be answered in English

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper consists of seven essay-type questions, of which you may attempt any *two*.
2. Write your answers in the answer book. Start each question on a new page.

Answer any *two* questions.

1. 'Hong Kong's political development in the period 1980-2000 was primarily shaped by the China factor.' Do you agree? Explain your view.
2. Trace and explain the development of the communist revolution in China in the period 1919-49.
3. 'Independence can be achieved only through conflicts and bloodshed.' Is this statement applicable to the independence movements in Southeast Asia after the Second World War? Explain your view.
4. Do you agree that the Paris Peace Conference (1919) created more problems than it solved? Explain your view with reference to the inter-war period (1919-39).
5. How successful was the United Nations in promoting world peace and cooperation?
6. 'The Cold War brought more benefits than harms to Europe.' Comment on the validity of this statement with reference to Europe's development in the period 1946-91.
7. Select *one* country within your History course, and discuss its impact on the continent to which it belonged in the first half of the 20th century.

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