

HISTORY PAPER 2

11.00 am – 12.30 pm (1 hour 30 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. Choose *two* of the following issues and examine how the Hong Kong government tackled the problems arising from these issues:
 - (a) The Canton-Hong Kong General Strike and Boycott (1925-26)
 - (b) Struggles between supporters of the Kuomintang [Guomindang] and those of the Chinese Communist Party from the 1940s to the 1960s
 - (c) The influx of mainland Chinese immigrants in the 1950s and the 1960s
 - (d) The question of Hong Kong's future in the 1980s and the 1990s

2. 'The Qing government failed to transform China in the period 1900-12, whereas the Nanjing government succeeded in transforming the country in the period 1927-37.' Do you agree? Justify your view.

3. Discuss the factors that worked for, and those that worked against, the development of the relationship between the People's Republic of China and Japan in the period 1949-2000.

4. 'Germany was more aggressive in the 1930s than it was before the First World War.' Comment on the validity of this statement.

5. 'A characteristic of the Cold War (1946-91) was US response to USSR challenges rather than USSR response to US challenges.' Do you agree? Justify your view.

6. Discuss the relative importance of nationalism and foreign intervention in shaping Arab-Israeli relations in the period 1945-2000.

7. Select *one* regional intergovernmental organisation (such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the European Economic Community) covered in your History course, and explain its formation and development up to the end of the 20th century.

END OF PAPER