

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.

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end of the examination session

Answer any *two* questions.

1. Trace and explain the political development of Hong Kong in the second half of the 20th century up to 1997.

2. Select *one* of the following historical figures, and discuss whether his impact on China's development was more positive than negative:
 - (a) Sun Yat-sen (Sun Yixian)
 - (b) Chiang Kai-shek (Jiang Jieshi)
 - (c) Mao Zedong
 - (d) Deng Xiaoping

3. Why did militarism rise in Japan in the 1930s but not earlier? Justify your view.

4. In what ways was the Second World War a turning point of modern Western history? Limit your discussion up to the 1960s.

5. Who – Yasser Arafat or Nelson Mandela – do you think was a greater leader? Justify your view.

6. 'In the period 1945-2000, European countries became less dependent on the superpowers and more autonomous in their economic cooperation.' Do you agree? Justify your view.

7. Select any *two* countries, and discuss the factors that affected their relationship in the first half of the 20th century.

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