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**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. To what extent was the political development of Hong Kong in the period 1967-97 a result of the China factor? Explain your view.
2. 'Modernisation efforts in China had different programmes to achieve similar aims.' Do you agree? Explain your view with reference to any *two* modernisation efforts of China in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
3. Select any *two* Southeast Asian countries, and compare the ways by which they achieved independence.
4. Was the Second World War unavoidable? Explain your view with reference to developments in Europe in the period 1919-39.
5. Trace and explain the relationship between the US and the USSR during the period 1943-91.
6. 'Economic cooperation in Eastern and Western Europe adopted different models: while economic cooperation in Eastern Europe was dominated by a superpower, that was not the case in Western Europe.' Do you agree? Explain your view with reference to the period 1945-2000.
7. 'Human-made disasters usually lead to new policies and developments.' Elaborate on this statement with reference to *one* example of a human-made disaster from your History syllabus.

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