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# MODERN HISTORY

## (HSM315117)

### Time allowed for this paper

- Working time: 3 hours
- Plus 15 minutes recommended reading time

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| Pages:     | 8  |
| Questions: | 12 |

### Candidate Instructions

1. You **MUST** make sure that your responses to the questions in this examination paper will show your achievement in the criteria being assessed.
2. There are **THREE** sections to this paper.
3. You must answer **THREE** questions in **essay** form:
  - **ONE** question from **Section A**
  - **ONE** question from **Section B**
  - **ONE** question from **Section C**
4. Answer each **question** in a separate answer booklet.
5. It is recommended that you spend no more than **ONE hour** on each section.
6. All written responses must be in English.

On the basis of your performance in this examination, the examiners will provide results on each of the following criteria taken from the course statement:

**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.

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## SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** country from the Modern Western Nations in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

It is recommended you spend approximately **60 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 5**.

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### Question 1

What economic and political changes took place in America during either the period 1917 – 1932 or 1932 – 1945? How did these changes impact the international community?

### Question 2

“The effects of war and economic developments were the main drivers of change in Australia between 1918 and 1949.”

Discuss with reference to either the period 1918 – 1939 or 1939 – 1949.

### Question 3

What economic and political changes took place in Germany during either the period 1918 – 1933 or 1933 – 1945? What was the effect on the life of the German people?

### Question 4

What political changes prevailed in Russia during either the period 1917 – 1941 or 1941 – 1953? Why were these changes able to prevail and how did they impact on the lives of the ordinary Russian people?

## SECTION B

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** country from the Modern Asian Nations in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century listed below.

- Japan, 1931 – 1952
- India, 1930 – 1984
- Indonesia, 1942 – 1975
- China, 1935 – 1976

**Use a separate answer booklet for this section.**

It is recommended you spend approximately **60 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 6**.

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### Question 5

“Militarism impacted Japan’s foreign policy during 1931 – 1941 and 1941 – 1952.”

Discuss this statement for either the earlier or later period. What changes did this foreign policy bring to Japan in the period chosen?

### Question 6

“Responses to internal and external challenges shaped the modern nation of India.”

Discuss this statement in relation to either the period 1930 – 1947 or 1947 – 1984.

### Question 7

“Indonesia’s political destiny has been influenced by responses to both internal and external factors.”

Discuss this statement in relation to either the period 1942 – 1965 or 1965 – 1975.

### Question 8

“The rise of Communism in China led to significant challenges and changes for that country.”

To what extent is this true in relation to either 1935 – 1949 or 1949 – 1976?

## SECTION C

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** topic from the Changing World Order, 1945 – 2010 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.**

It is recommended you spend approximately **60 minutes** on this section.

This section assesses **Criteria 3, 4 and 7**.

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### Question 9

How have historians explained the beginning and the end of the Cold War? Discuss which interpretation you consider most convincing by referring to specific historical events in your answer.

### Question 10

Discuss the changing relations since 1945 between Australia and one Asian country (China, India, Indonesia, Japan or Vietnam). With reference to specific historical detail, explain those changes. How have historians and commentators interpreted the developments?

### Question 11

With reference to various groups since 1945, what are the methods used, and motivations of, modern terrorists? How have nations responded? Discuss how commentators have explained such activities.

### Question 12

What have been the causes and consequences of the movement of peoples to Australia and other countries of the British Commonwealth since 1945? How have commentators viewed the causes of migration and the host countries' responses?

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