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MODERN HISTORY

(HSM315117)

Time recommended for this paper:

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

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.
 - **ONE** question from **SECTION A** (essay format)
 - **ONE** question from **SECTION B** (essay format)
 - **ONE** question from **SECTION C** (short written response).
4. Answer each question in a separate answer booklet.
5. 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 document:

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 the 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 essay format.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** country from the Modern Western Nations in the 20th Century listed below:

- **United States of America, 1917 – 1945**
- **Australia, 1918 – 1949**
- **Russia (the Soviet Union) 1917 – 1953**
- **Germany, 1918 – 1945**

Use a separate answer booklet for this section.

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

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

Question 1

What drove the social, economic and political changes that took place in the United States of America from **either** 1917-1932 **or** 1932-1945? For **either** 1917-1932 **or** 1932-1945, briefly assess the impact of those changes on the country.

OR

Question 2

“The principal driver of change in Australia between 1918 and 1949 was the impact and the effect of war.”

Through an outline of the social, political and economic changes that took place in Australia, assess the extent to which this is a valid interpretation of the principal driver of change in the period from **either** 1918-1939 **or** 1939-1949.

OR

Question 3

“Ultimately, Stalin was the chief driver of the social, economic and political changes that occurred in Russia (the Soviet Union) up to 1953.”

Through a discussion of the nature and the impact of the changes that occurred in Russia (the Soviet Union), assess the validity of this statement for **either** the years 1917-1941 **or** 1941-1953.

OR

Question 4

“Economic factors were just as important as political ideology in driving change in Germany from 1918-1945.”

Identify and discuss the major changes that took place in Germany from **either** 1918-1933 **or** 1933-1945. Assess whether the above statement is a valid interpretation for your chosen period (**either** 1918-1933 **or** 1933-1945).

SECTION B

Answer **ONE** question from this section, in essay format.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** country from the Modern Asian Nations in the 20th 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 that you spend **60 minutes** on this section.

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

Question 5

For **either** the period 1931-1941 **or** the period 1941-1952, describe and assess the internal challenges and external threats facing Japan, and indicate how Japan's responses to those challenges and threats affected the country's history.

OR

Question 6

"Internal challenges were more important than external threats in shaping India's modern history."

Through a description of the challenges facing India, assess the accuracy of the above statement in respect to **either** 1930-1947 **or** 1947-1984.

OR

Question 7

Examine the internal and external threats that confronted Indonesia (the Dutch East Indies) during **either** 1942-1965 **or** 1965-1975. To what extent did these threats affect the political systems that emerged?

OR

Question 8

"From 1935-1976 China changed dramatically, primarily due to internal challenges."

Through a description of the events of **either** the period 1935-1949 **or** the period 1949-1976, assess the validity of the above interpretation for the time period you have selected (**either** 1935-1949 **or** 1949-1976).

SECTION C

Answer **ONE** question from this section, in short written response format.

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 that you spend **60 minutes** on this section.

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

Question 9

The cause and course of the Cold War is examined by historians from the perspective of **either** an Orthodox **or** a Revisionist **or** a Post-Revisionist viewpoint. Through brief reference to the origins and course of the Cold War, assess which of the above historical interpretations, in your opinion, is the most valid.

OR

Question 10

With reference to **one** of the following:

- China; **or**
- India; **or**
- Indonesia; **or**
- Japan; **or**
- Vietnam.

Explain how commentators and historians have interpreted the changing relationship between Australia and that country since the end of World War II.

OR

Question 11

“Global terrorism has changed significantly in nature, objectives, tactics and influence since the end of World War II.”

Discuss how historians and commentators have assessed the changes in global terrorism since World War II.

OR

Question 12

How have historians and commentators assessed the impact of the movements of people in the period 1945-2010 on Australia?

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