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MODERN HISTORY

(HSM315115)

Time allowed for this paper

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

Pages:	8
Questions:	6

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** parts to this paper.
3. You must answer **THREE** questions in **essay** form:
 - **ONE** question from **Part 1**
 - **ONE** question from **Part 2**
 - **ONE** question from **Part 3**
4. Answer each **question** in a separate answer booklet.
5. It is recommended that you spend no more than **ONE hour** on each part.
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 2** Communicate historical ideas and information.
- Criterion 3** Assess differing historical interpretations and representations of others.
- Criterion 4** Use evidence to support own interpretation and historical argument.
- Criterion 5** Assess significance of political systems, ideologies and nationalism in modern history.
- Criterion 6** Assess drivers of social, economic and political change, and nature and impact of changes in modern history.
- Criterion 7** Describe and assess cause and effect in issues affecting the modern world.

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PART 1

Answer **ONE** question from this part.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** country from the Modern Western Nations 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 part.

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

This section assesses **Criteria 2, 3, 4 and 6**.

Question 1

‘Throughout history, many kinds of ... systems developed in different areas of the world, depending on the needs of the people and the economic resources available.’

(Source: Adapted from www.regentsprep.org/regents/global/themes/politicalsystems/index.cfm)

Do you agree with the above statement when applied to the drivers of change in one of the above Modern Western Nations in the period of history studied? Give examples of changes seen and explain why those changes occurred.

PART 2

Answer **ONE** question from this part.

In your answer you **MUST** refer to **ONE** country from the Modern Asian Nations listed below.

- Japan, 1931 – 1967
- India, 1947 – 1974
- Indonesia, 1942 – 1974
- China, 1935 – 1976

Use a separate answer booklet for this part.

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

This section assesses **Criteria 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

Question 2

‘A stable democracy fundamentally rests on the ability of individuals and groups to express their opinions and compete in the political process. Multi-party systems ...also channel civic discontent into constructive policy debate and change...’

(Source: Adapted from www.iri.org/program/multi-party-political-systems)

With reference to the quotation about a ‘stable democracy’, identify any similarities and/or differences you find in the political system of the country you studied. How has the government of the country you studied responded to internal and external tensions?

PART 3

Answer **ONE** question from this part.

Use a separate answer booklet for this part.

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

This section assesses **Criteria 2, 3, 4 and 7**.

Question 3

How have historians explained the causes and course of the Cold War? How did the Cold War end?

Question 4

Analyse the aims and motivations of two or three terrorist organisations active in the Modern World (2000 – 2010). What have been the responses of western countries to such terrorist activity?

Question 5

Why has globalisation become a feature of the Modern World from the 1980s to 2010? Has this brought benefits to the global population? Explain.

Question 6

Account for the emergence of China as a significant world power. To what extent was Deng Xiaoping responsible for this?

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