MODERN HISTORY
(HSM315117)

Time allowed for this paper
- Working time: 3 hours
- Plus 15 minutes recommended reading time

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 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.
PART 1

Answer ONE question from this part.

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
- 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 3, 4 and 5.

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**Question 1**

Discuss the nature and impact of changes within American society and America’s international relationships during either the earlier period of study (1917 – 1932) or the later period (1932 – 1945).

**Question 2**

What were the main drivers of change in Australia during either the earlier period of study (1918 – 1939) or the later period (1939 – 1949)? How did these drivers change the life experiences of Australians?

**Question 3**

‘Political ideology and political systems had a dramatic impact on Germany during the period studied.’

Discuss the above statement in respect to either the earlier period (1918 – 1933) or the later period (1933 – 1945).

**Question 4**

‘Revolutionary ideology changed Russia during the period studied, impacting World History in the 20th Century.’

Discuss the above statement in respect to either the earlier period (1917 – 1941) or the later period (1941 – 1953).
PART 2

Answer ONE question from this part.

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 part.

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

This section assesses Criteria 3, 4 and 6.

Question 5

During 1931 – 1941 and 1941 – 1952 Japan’s foreign policy saw it involved in military activity outside Japan for at least some of that period. For one of these periods of Japan’s history, explain why it was involved in such activity and the changes this brought to Japan.

Question 6

For either the period 1930 – 1947 or 1947 – 1984, discuss what internal and external challenges faced India and how the country’s response to these challenges impacted upon its modern history.

Question 7

What internal and external threats did Indonesia face during either the earlier period (1942 – 1965) or the later period (1965 – 1975)? Did the tensions and threats influence the political system that emerged? Explain.

Question 8

Identify the major changes that took place in China during either the period 1935 – 1949 or 1949 – 1976. Explain how internal and external threats influenced these changes.
Answer ONE question from this part.

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 part.

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

This section assesses Criteria 3, 4 and 7.

Question 9

How has the cause and course of the Cold War been understood by historians? With reference to specific historical events, discuss which historical interpretation you consider has the most merit.

Question 10

With reference to one Asian country (China, India, Indonesia, Japan or Vietnam) discuss the changing relationship between that country and Australia since 1945. How have historians and commentators interpreted those developments?

Question 11

With reference to three or four terrorist groups, identify how the nature of global terrorism has changed over the period since 1945. How have historians and commentators explained the causes of such terrorism?

Question 12

‘Displacement arising from war and persecution has been the main reason for the migration of people to Australia and other countries of the British Commonwealth since 1945.’

To what extent do you agree? What other explanations have historians and commentators considered?