

History route 2
Higher level
Paper 3 – aspects of the history of the Americas

Thursday 12 May 2016 (afternoon)

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions. Each question is worth **[20 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[60 marks]**.



Independence movements

1. With reference to **two** countries, examine the characteristics of early 19th century independence movements in Latin America.
2. “US policy toward Latin American independence movements was dominated by self-interest rather than idealism.” Discuss.

Nation-building and challenges

3. Examine the impact of the War of 1812 on British North America and the United States.
4. To what extent did the new nations improve the social and economic conditions of **one or more** social groups such as Native Americans, mestizos and immigrants?

United States Civil War: causes, course and effects 1840–1877

5. “The election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 was the catalyst for the US Civil War.” Discuss.
6. “Despite their contributions to the Union victory, African Americans achieved little from their participation in the US Civil War.” Discuss.

The development of modern nations 1865–1929

7. Examine the role of women in **one** country in the Americas between 1865 and 1929.
8. Evaluate the successes and failures of the leadership of **either** Theodore Roosevelt **or** Wilfrid Laurier.

Emergence of the Americas in global affairs 1880–1929

9. Compare and contrast the US policies of the Big Stick and Moral Diplomacy.
10. “The US entered the First World War mainly because it wanted to protect its economic interests.” Discuss.

The Mexican Revolution 1910–1940

11. “Zapata was more revolutionary than Villa.” Discuss.
12. Evaluate the impact of US efforts to influence the Mexican Revolution.

The Great Depression and the Americas 1929–1939

13. Discuss the nature and effectiveness of the response to the Great Depression of **either** Hoover **or** R B Bennett.
14. With reference to **one** country in Latin America, examine the response of the government to the Great Depression.

The Second World War and the Americas 1933–1945

15. Examine the social impact of the Second World War on minorities in **one** country in the Americas up to 1945.
16. “The economic and diplomatic effects of the Second World War were of limited significance.” Discuss with reference to **one** country in the Americas up to 1945.

Political developments in the Americas after the Second World War 1945–1979

17. “Despite Nixon’s reputation as a conservative politician, his domestic policies and actions reflect substantial reform.” Discuss.
18. To what extent did political repression contribute to Fidel Castro’s retention of power up to 1979?

The Cold War and the Americas 1945–1981

19. Examine the application of Truman’s policy of containment in the Americas.
20. Discuss the domestic effects in the US of its involvement in the Vietnam War.

Civil rights and social movements in the Americas

21. Evaluate the effectiveness of the tactics used to support Civil Rights for African Americans in the US up to 1968.
22. Evaluate the achievements of feminist movements in the Americas after 1945.

Into the 21st century—from the 1980s to 2000

23. With reference to their impact on the Americas, compare and contrast the policies of Bush and Clinton up to 2000.
 24. Examine the impact of technological development on popular culture in **one** country in the Americas between 1980 and 2000.
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