Edexcel GCSE

History A (The Making of the Modern World)

Unit 1: Peace and War: International Relations, 1900–91

Monday 3 June 2013 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

• Use black ink or ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• Answer three sections.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information

• The total mark for this paper is 60.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Keep an eye on the time.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
There are SIX sections in this question paper. You must choose THREE sections from the six.

In EACH section answer Part (a), EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii) AND then Part (c).

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SECTION 1
Why did war break out? International rivalry, 1900–14

Answer Part (a), EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii) AND then Part (c).

The map below shows part of the Balkans.

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Question 1

Answer Part (a).

(a) Describe one reason why there was a crisis over Bosnia in 1908.
Answer EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii).

EITHER

(b) (i) Describe the key features of the results of the Balkan Wars, 1912–13.

OR

(b) (ii) Describe the key events which led to war after the assassination at Sarajevo in June 1914.

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☑. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☑ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☑.

Chosen Question Number: Part (b)(i) ☐ Part (b)(ii) ☐
Answer Part (c).

(c) Explain why relations between Britain and Germany worsened in the years 1900–11.

(12)
SECTION 2  
The peace settlement, 1918–28

Answer Part (a), EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii) AND then Part (c).

The photograph below shows the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, June 1919.

Question 2

Answer Part (a).

(a) Describe one decision which was made about Germany's territory in the Treaty of Versailles.

(2)
Answer EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii).

EITHER

(b) (i) Describe the key features of the military terms of the Treaty of Versailles. (6)

OR

(b) (ii) Describe the key features of the work of the Permanent Court of Justice and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). (6)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☐ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen Question Number: Part (b)(i) ☐ Part (b)(ii) ☐
Answer Part (c).

(c) Explain why international relations with Germany improved in the years 1924–28.

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SECTION 3
Why did war break out? International relations, 1929–39

Answer Part (a), EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii) AND then Part (c).

The photograph below shows Italian troops fighting in Abyssinia in 1935.

Question 3
Answer Part (a).

(a) Describe one reason why Italy invaded Abyssinia in 1935.

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Answer EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii).

EITHER

(b) (i) Describe the key features of Britain's agreements with Poland in 1939.

(6)

OR

(b) (ii) Describe the key features of the Nazi-Soviet Pact, 1939.

(6)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Chosen Question Number: Part (b)(i) ☐ Part (b)(ii) ☐
Answer Part (c).

(c) Explain why Hitler was able to challenge the Versailles settlement in the years 1935–38.

(12)
SECTION 4
How did the Cold War develop? 1943–56

Answer Part (a), EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii) AND then Part (c).

The photograph below shows an Allied aeroplane flying food into West Berlin during the Berlin Blockade.

Question 4
Answer Part (a).

(a) Describe one reason why the Soviet Union blockaded Berlin in 1948. (2)
Answer EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii).

EITHER

(b) (i) Describe the key features of the Yalta Conference, 1945. (6)

OR

(b) (ii) Describe the key features of the Allied response to Soviet control of Eastern Europe in the years 1945–47. (6)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box □. If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross.

Chosen Question Number:  

Part (b)(i)  □  Part (b)(ii)  □
Answer Part (c).

(c) Explain why Soviet control of Hungary caused an uprising in 1956.

(12)
Question 5
Answer Part (a).

(a) Describe one reason why Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968.

(2)
Answer EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii).

EITHER

(b) (i) Describe the key features of the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961. (6)

OR

(b) (ii) Describe the key features of the international reaction to the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. (6)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☐ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Chosen Question Number: Part (b)(i) ☐ Part (b)(ii) ☐
Answer Part (c).

(c) Explain why Cuba was a flashpoint in the Cold War in the years 1961–62. (12)
SECTION 6
Why did the Cold War end?
The invasion of Afghanistan (1979) to the collapse of the Soviet Union (1991)

Answer Part (a), EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii) AND then Part (c).

The photograph below shows the opening ceremony at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, 1984.

Question 6
Answer Part (a).

(a) Describe one reason why the Soviet Union boycotted the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984.

(2)
Answer EITHER Part (b)(i) OR Part (b)(ii).

EITHER

(b) (i) Describe the key features of relations between the USA and the Soviet Union in the years 1972–75.  

(6)

OR

(b) (ii) Describe the key features of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), 1983.  

(6)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☐ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Chosen Question Number:  Part (b)(i) ☐ Part (b)(ii) ☐
Answer Part (c).

(c) Explain why the relationship between Reagan and Gorbachev in the years 1985–88 helped to end the Cold War.

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