

HISTORY – The World

Answer ONE question from Section A, and ONE question from Section B

SECTION A

1. Are 'the past' and 'history' two different things?
2. Can a biased source still be a useful primary source for historians to use in their research?
3. In what ways can historians today collect sources and write histories for historically underrepresented actors?
4. In what ways do the histories of British colonies contribute to our understanding of the present-day British society?
5. What do you understand by the term 'global history'?
6. What is the meaning of the 'silence' or absence in an archive?
7. What is the role of 'nature' in history?
8. Will social media change how historians of the future research the past?

SECTION B

Early, Pre-colonial, Medieval and Early Modern Periods

9. Are the Neolithic Revolutions in Eurasia and the Americas comparable?
10. How was the Ancient Egypt shaped by the Nile, and the Nile shaped by Egypt?
11. To what extent was the desire to protect Christendom the main motivation for crusaders on the first and second crusades?
12. What impact did the Black Death have on Medieval Europe?
13. How did pre-colonial Latin American societies manage water?
14. Assess the significance of 1492.

15. What were the main causes that led to the Fall of Constantinople in 1453?
16. Was the age of discovery an age of invasion?
17. Would you agree that the Renaissance was in essence a movement of and for the elite in Europe?
18. What were the origins of the Great Divergence?

Modern Period

19. What is the historical connection between capitalism and racism?
20. Analyse the significance of the Opium War (1839-42) between Victorian Britain and imperial China in the context of modern Asian history.
21. How did Charles Darwin's ideas about evolution change the way people thought about society?
22. What role did Black Americans play during the course of the American Civil War between 1861 and 1865?
23. Why did Southern states secede from the Union between 1860 and 1861?
24. How did the Crimean War affect social developments in Tsarist Russia?
25. Why was there a 'De-Stalinisation' and what was its impact on Soviet controlled Europe?
26. What were the main element that led to the crisis of Tsarist Russia at the beginning of the 20th Century?
27. Why is the Great War (1914-1918) also defined as 'World War'?
28. How did Nazi Germany prepare the path to World War II?
29. Discuss the US military involvement in the Pacific theatre during the Second World War.
30. Why did the United States get involved in the Vietnam War (1955-1975) and what were the main consequences of this conflict on Southeast Asia?
31. How did Malcolm X influence the course of the American Civil Rights Movement between 1952 and 1964?
32. How was space exploration influenced by the competition between the USA and the USSR, and how did developments in the space race shape the Cold War?
33. Why was the Green Revolution called 'Green'?

34. What was the Non-Aligned Movement and how did it influence the Cold War?
35. What was the role of women in the National Socialist Society?
36. What are the main causes that led to the building of the Berlin Wall?