

**History**  
**Higher level**  
**Paper 3 – history of the Americas**

Monday 13 November 2017 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer any three questions.
- Each question is worth **[15 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.



**Section 1 Indigenous societies and cultures in the Americas (c750–1500)**

1. Discuss the role of warfare in maintaining and expanding the political organization of **one** pre-Columbian society.
2. Compare and contrast the social structures of **two** indigenous societies.

**Section 2 European explorations and conquests in the Americas (c1492–c1600)**

3. “The exploration and conquest of the Americas had a negative economic impact on the indigenous populations.” Discuss.
4. Evaluate the impact of the Law of Burgos (1512) **and** the New Laws of the Indies (1542) on the indigenous populations of Spanish America.

**Section 3 Colonial government in the New World (1500–1800)**

5. “Colonial governments successfully overcame the economic challenges that they experienced.” Discuss.
6. Evaluate the reasons for resistance to governmental authority in the New World.

**Section 4 Religion in the New World (1500–1800)**

7. “The influence of the Catholic Church on the indigenous populations of the Americas was beneficial.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Evaluate the impact of the religious orders in New France.

**Section 5 Slavery and the New World (1500–1800)**

9. Evaluate the role of the colonial powers in the establishment **and** expansion of slavery.
10. Evaluate the methods **and** effectiveness of slave resistance in British North America up to 1800.

**Section 6 Independence movements (1763–1830)**

11. Compare and contrast the methods used to gain independence in **two** Latin American countries.
12. “Gaining independence improved the economy.” With reference to **either** the US **or one** Latin American country, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Section 7 Nation-building and challenges (c1780–c1870)**

13. Compare and contrast the Articles of Confederation and the US Constitution of 1787.
14. “The War of 1812 was caused by US expansionism and not by disputes over maritime rights.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Section 8 United States’ Civil War: Causes, course and effects (1840–1877)**

15. To what extent did the crises of the 1850s contribute to the outbreak of the Civil War?
16. To what extent did Reconstruction improve the lives of African Americans in the southern US?

**Section 9 The development of modern nations (1865–1929)**

17. Discuss the reasons for changes in the role of women in **two** countries in the Americas.
18. Evaluate the level of success achieved by **either** Theodore Roosevelt **or** Wilfrid Laurier **or one** Latin American leader during this period.

**Section 10 Emergence of the Americas in global affairs (1880–1929)**

19. “The expansionist foreign policies of the US were driven by economics rather than ideology.” Discuss.
20. “Wilson’s failure to gain US ratification of the Treaty of Versailles was due to his unwillingness to compromise.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Section 11 The Mexican Revolution (1884–1940)**

21. Discuss the nature **and** significance of Mexico’s 1917 Constitution.
22. “By 1940, Lázaro Cárdenas had achieved all of his aims.” Discuss.

**Section 12 The Great Depression and the Americas (mid-1920s–1939)**

23. “The Great Depression was a significant challenge to democracy.” Discuss with reference to **one** Latin American country between 1929 and 1939.
24. Evaluate the impact of the Great Depression on women in **one** country in the Americas.

**Section 13 The Second World War and the Americas (1933–1945)**

25. Evaluate the reasons for US use of atomic weapons against Japan.
26. “During the Second World War, the economies of countries in the Americas were transformed.” With reference to **two** countries, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Section 14 Political developments in Latin America (1945–1980)**

27. Compare and contrast the responses of Latin American populist leaders in **two** countries to the challenges they faced.
28. “The rise of guerrilla movements in Latin America can mainly be attributed to economic factors.” With reference to **one** Latin American country, to what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Section 15 Political developments in the United States (1945–1980) and Canada (1945–1982)**

29. To what extent was Johnson’s Great Society successfully implemented?
30. Evaluate the impact on Canadian society of the governments of Pearson **and** Trudeau.

**Section 16      The Cold War and the Americas (1945–1981)**

31. Discuss the reasons for the changing nature of US involvement in Vietnam from 1954 to 1975.
32. Discuss the reasons for, and the impact of, the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977.

**Section 17      Civil rights and social movements in the Americas post-1945**

33. To what extent did indigenous peoples in the Americas achieve their civil rights in the period after 1945?
34. Discuss the importance of US Supreme Court rulings in advancing the civil rights movement up to 1980.

**Section 18      The Americas (1980–2005)**

35. Compare and contrast the factors that contributed to the democratization of **two** Latin American countries between 1980 and 2005.
  36. Discuss the significance of the challenges faced by **two** Latin American countries following their transition to democracy.
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