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.
6HI01/C – The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation

Answer TWO questions: ONE question on each of the TWO topics for which you have been prepared. You may only answer ONE question on each topic.

You must start the answer to your first question on page 4.
You must start the answer to your second question on page 12.

C1 – The Origins of the British Empire, c1680–1763

EITHER

1. How significant were the Navigation Acts in stimulating the growth of the British Empire in the years c1680–1763?

   (Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2. How far do you agree that the rapid development of the slave trade was the most important reason for the expansion of the British Empire in the years 1713–63?

   (Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

C2 – Relations with the American Colonies and the War of Independence, c1740–89

EITHER

3. How far do you agree that the outbreak of armed conflict in 1775 was mainly caused by British policies and actions in the years 1773–75?

   (Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4. To what extent were American colonists united in their opposition to the British in the years 1763–83?

   (Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

C3 – The Slave Trade, Slavery and the Anti-slavery Campaigns, c1760–1833

EITHER

5. How far do you agree that the growth of the British slave trade c1760–1800 was fuelled mainly by the needs of the plantation system in North America and the West Indies?

   (Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6. How far do you agree that the opposition of the West Indian planters was the most significant obstacle to the abolition of slavery in the years c1790–1833?

   (Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
C4 – Commerce and Conquest: India, c1760–c1835

EITHER

7  To what extent did the power and influence of the East India Company change in the years 1763–1833?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8  Why did British attitudes to Indian traditions and beliefs become increasingly less tolerant in the 1820s and 1830s?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

C5 – Commerce and Imperial Expansion, c1815–70

EITHER

9  How far do you agree that the expansion of British imperial influence in the years c1815–70 was primarily motivated by economic considerations?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10  To what extent did Britain expand its ‘formal’ Empire during the years c1815–70?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

C6 – Britain and the Scramble for Africa, c1875–1914

EITHER

11  To what extent did the attitudes of British politicians towards expansion in Africa change and develop in the years c1875–1914?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12  How far do you agree that British expansion in Africa in the years c1875–1914 was primarily motivated by strategic concerns?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

C7 – Retreat from Empire: Decolonisation in Africa, c1957–81

EITHER

13  How far do you agree that Britain’s decision to decolonise its African Empire was mainly due to economic considerations?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14  To what extent was the decolonisation of Britain’s African possessions in the 1950s and 1960s achieved in an orderly and controlled manner?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)
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