Edexcel GCE

History

Advanced Subsidiary

Unit 1

Option C: The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation

Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

You do not need any other materials.

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 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.
• 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.
• The quality of your written communication will be assessed in all your responses – you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

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.

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

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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 accurate is it to say that mercantilist policies were the driving force behind the
expansion of the British Empire in the years c1680–1763?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2 How far do you agree that the main reason for the expansion of the British Empire in
North America and the West Indies in the years c1680–1763 was the development of
settler colonies?

(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 most significant influence on relations between Britain
and the American colonies in the years 1740–63 was the colonists' need for British
protection?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4 How far do you agree that the victory of the American colonists in the War of
Independence (1775–83) was primarily due to the ability of their military leadership?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

5 Why was popular support in Britain for the abolition of slavery so strong in the years
c1790–1833?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6 How far do you agree that the fear of slave revolt was the main reason for the
abolition Acts of both 1807 and 1833?

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

EITHER
7 Why was the defeat of France in the Seven Years War so important to the expansion of British rule in India?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR
8 To what extent were the Governors-General successful in limiting the powers of the East India Company?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

C5 – Commerce and Imperial Expansion, c1815–70

EITHER
9 How significant was the use of naval force in the expansion of British imperial influence in the years c1815–70?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR
10 How far do you agree that the expansion of British influence in the years c1815–70 was fuelled primarily by the requirements of British industry?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER
11 How far do you agree that the extension of British control along the Nile Valley and in east Africa in the years c1875–98 was motivated mainly by economic concerns?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR
12 How far do you agree that the protection of Uitlander rights in the Boer republics was the trigger rather than the fundamental cause of the Second Boer War in 1899?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER
13 How far does Macmillan’s ‘audit of empire’ explain the speeding up of the British decolonisation process in Africa in the years 1957–65?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR
14 How far do you agree that Rhodesian white minority rule was able to last so long primarily because of divisions amongst African nationalists?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)
Put a cross in the box indicating the FIRST question you have chosen to answer. If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then put a cross in another box.

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