Edexcel GCE

History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1
Option D: A World Divided: Communism and Democracy in the Twentieth Century

Tuesday 17 May 2011 – 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.
**D1 – Crises, Tensions and Political Divisions in China, 1900–49**

**EITHER**

1. How accurate is it to say that the spread of revolutionary beliefs was the main reason for the fall of the Qing dynasty in 1911–12?  
   *(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)*

2. How successful was Chiang Kai-shek in restoring effective central government in China in the years 1926–37?  
   *(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)*

**D2 – Mao’s China, 1949–76**

**EITHER**

3. How far do you agree that the Great Leap Forward of 1958–62 was a catastrophe for the Chinese people?  
   *(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)*

4. How accurate is it to say that Mao Zedong carried out both the Hundred Flowers Campaign and the Cultural Revolution in order to strengthen his political control?  
   *(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)*

**D3 – Russia in Revolution, 1881–1924: From Autocracy to Dictatorship**

**EITHER**

5. To what extent was the Tsarist system of government modified in the years 1881–1914?  
   *(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)*

6. How accurate is it to say that Lenin’s leadership was the most important reason for the Bolsheviks' success in the revolution of November 1917?  
   *(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)*
D4 – Stalin’s Russia, 1924–53

EITHER

7 How accurate is it to say that the most important result of the collectivisation of agriculture was that it imposed Communist control on the countryside?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8 Why, despite the disasters of 1941, was the USSR able to defeat Germany by 1945?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

D5 – Pursuing Life and Liberty: Equality in the USA, 1945–68

EITHER

9 How far do you agree that the impact of the Second World War was the main reason why the position of African Americans improved in the years 1945–55?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10 How accurate is it to say that Martin Luther King’s policy of peaceful protest was the most important reason for the successes of the civil rights movement in the years 1955–68?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

D6 – Ideology, Conflict and Retreat: the USA in Asia, 1950–73

EITHER

11 How accurate is it to say that Eisenhower and Kennedy must share responsibility for the escalation of US involvement in south-east Asia in the years 1954–63?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12 Why did it take Nixon so long to withdraw from the Vietnam War?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

D7 – Politics, Presidency and Society in the USA, 1968–2001

EITHER

13 Why was Carter unsuccessful in his attempt to secure re-election in 1980?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 How accurate is it to say that supporters of both feminism and gay rights made substantial progress in achieving their aims in the years 1968–2001?

(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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| Question 10 | ☐ | Question 11 | ☐ | Question 12 | ☐ |
| Question 13 | ☐ | Question 14 | ☐ |

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Put a cross in the box indicating the SECOND question you have chosen to answer ☒. Your second question choice must be on a different topic to your first question choice. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then put a cross in another box ☒.

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