Edexcel GCE

History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1
Option C: The British Empire: Colonisation and Decolonisation

Thursday 14 January 2010 – Afternoon
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.
**C1 – The Origins of the British Empire, c1680–1763**

**EITHER**

1. How successful were trading companies in stimulating the expansion of the British Empire in the years c1680–1763?  
   
   (Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

**OR**

2. Why did the British government increase its direct involvement in the expansion of Empire in the years c1680–1763?  
   
   (Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

**EITHER**

3. How far do you agree that the main reason for the growing discontent in the American colonies in the years 1763–75 was the removal of the French threat in North America?  
   
   (Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

**OR**

4. How far was the outcome of the War of Independence decided by the military skills of the American colonists?  
   
   (Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

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

**EITHER**

5. To what extent did the needs of British manufacturers drive the expansion of the slave trade in the years c1760–c1800?  
   
   (Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

**OR**

6. How far do you agree that economic difficulties in the West Indies were the primary reason for the abolition of slavery throughout the Empire in 1833?  
   
   (Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
C4 – Commerce and Conquest: India, c1760–c1835

EITHER

7  How significant was Anglo-French rivalry in the development of British rule in India in the years c1760–1815?  
(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8  To what extent were the Indian Princes an obstacle to the expansion of British power in India in the years c1760–c1835?  
(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

C5 – Commerce and Imperial Expansion, c1815–70

EITHER

9  To what extent was the expansion of British imperial influence in the years c1815–70 motivated by moral considerations?  
(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10 How far do you agree that it was mainly as a source of raw materials that the British Empire stimulated the development of British industry in 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 attitudes in Britain towards the African Empire become increasingly ‘jingoistic’ in the years c1875–1914?  
(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12 How accurate is it to suggest that men-on-the-spot were primarily responsible for the expansion of the African Empire in the years c1875–1914?  
(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

13 How far did the growth of African independence movements speed up the process of decolonisation c1957–65?  
(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 How far do you agree that decolonisation was more orderly in west Africa than in east Africa?  
(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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