

History – Europe and America

Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B.

SECTION A

1. History is the study of great men and important events. Discuss.
2. To what extent is the study of history also the study of memory?
3. To what extent are the defeated hidden from history?
4. How has the increased digitisation of historical archives and resources affected the study of history?
5. Are all primary sources biased?
6. Should historians make use of their imagination when engaging in research?

SECTION B

Early and Medieval Period

7. What were the main reasons for the establishment of universities in Europe during the twelfth century?
8. How justified is the term 'monarchy' when discussing the papacy in high middle ages?
9. Analyse the factors which led to the first crusade.
10. How successful were the crusades in the Holy Land?
11. 'The Black Death completely transformed European society.' Discuss.
12. To what extent did war contribute to the development of the state in medieval Europe?
13. To what extent can Europe be said to have undergone a process of 'Europeanisation' in the middle ages?
14. Which had the greater impact on medieval European society: war or disease?

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Early Modern Period

15. To what extent was Europe transformed by the 'discovery' of America in 1492?
16. Were Europeans guilty of genocide in the new world after 1492?
17. To what extent were the New England colonies 'a city set on a hill'?
18. Compare and contrast the Renaissance in northern and southern Europe.
19. What were the necessary preconditions for the success of Protestantism? Illustrate with reference to specific examples.
20. Was the Reformation inevitable?
21. To what extent is Martin Luther a difficult historical figure?
22. What, if anything, did the Counter Reformation counter?
23. What effect did the growth of print culture have on Europe?

Modern Period

24. What were the causes and outcomes of the Reign of Terror?
25. Account for the defeat of the Confederacy in the American Civil War.
26. What led to the unification of Germany in 1871?
27. Why did the First World War break out in 1914 rather than earlier or later?
28. Why and how did the European war that broke out in summer 1914 become a world war?
29. Why was the Weimar Republic established?
30. Was Soviet foreign policy in the 1920s more concerned with revolution or with security?
31. How did Stalin transform the Soviet Union in the first decade of his rule?
32. To what extent can the Wall Street Crash be considered to have been the main cause of the economic depression which affected America in the 1930s?
33. Did the Third Reich rest on coercion, or on consent?
34. In what ways did US occupation in Japan facilitate the post-war Japanese economic boom?
35. Examine the contributing factors of US military involvement in Asia during the Cold War.
36. Discuss the factors which led to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.
37. To what extent did the anti-war movement in the US accelerate the end of the Vietnam War?
38. Who has won the US-China trade wars since the late 1980s? And Why?