Edexcel GCE

Centre Number

Candidate Number

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

Thursday 13 January 2011 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference
6HI01/C

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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.

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

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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 far do you agree that the requirements of British merchants were the main reason for 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 rivalry with France was the most important reason for the expansion of Empire in the years c1680–1763?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

3   How accurate is it to say that the War of Independence (1775–83) lasted for so long because the colonists were not strong enough to win the war without foreign assistance?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4   Why did the impact of the American Revolution have such a destabilising effect on British politics in the years 1775–89?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

5   To what extent were religious groups the driving force behind the campaigns against slavery in the years c1760–1833?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6   How important was the role of the family in the lives of slaves in the British Empire in the years c1760–1833?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)

C4 – Commerce and Conquest: India, c1760–c1835

EITHER

7 How far do you agree that the most important factor in the expansion of British influence in India in the years c1760–1815 was the defeat of France in the Seven Years War?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8 How successful was Christian missionary activity in India in the 1820s and 1830s?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

C5 – Commerce and Imperial Expansion, c1815–70

EITHER

9 To what extent was the expansion of the British Empire in the years c1815–70 the result of Christian missionary activity?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10 How far do you agree that expansion of British imperial influence in the years c1815–70 was more 'informal' than 'formal'?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

11 To what extent did the Berlin West Africa Conference speed up the formal establishment of British colonies in Africa in the years after 1885?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12 How accurate is it to say that British military setbacks in southern Africa in the years 1879–1902 were mainly caused by the underestimation of the strength of the opposition?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

13 How far do you agree that the presence of white settlers was the most important influence on the speed with which independence was gained by African colonies in the years 1957–80?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 How far do you agree that the changing attitudes of the British government towards independence was the main reason for the growth of African nationalism from the late 1950s?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)

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If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒
and then put a cross in another box ☒.

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