A LEVEL HISTORY QUESTIONS

ZIMBABWEAN HISTORY-PAPER ONE

SOURCES OF HISTORY

1. Justify the use of multi-disciplinary approach in the recovery of Zimbabwe's pre-colonial past
2. Assess the validity that of the assertion that archeology is the only source of historical evidence for the Late Stone Age & Early Iron Age periods in Zimbabwe
3. Assess the contribution of oral tradition ; archeology & written documents towards the recovery of Zimbabwe's pre-colonial history
4. How far can archeology alone demonstrate the economic organization of G.Z
5. Why is it important to use different sources when study Zimbabwe's pre-colonial history?
6. Evaluate the contribution of rock art in assisting historians to recover Zimbabwe's pre-colonial history before 1450
7. Assess the contributions made by rock art to our understanding of late Stone age societies.
8. Critically evaluate source used by social & economic historians in the practice of their craft.
9. Examine the importance of rock art
10. How far can archeology alone demonstrate the economic organization of early Iron age societies in Zimbabwe?
11. Discuss the assertion that Zimbabwe's pre-colonial past be collected by reference to only one source.
12. With all its demerits; oral tradition remains the key to unlocking the pre-colonial history of Zimbabwe. Do you agree?
13. Why should oral tradition continue to be used to reconstruct the history of pre-colonial history of Zimbabwe despite its weakness?
14. Discuss the contributions by oral traditions archeology & written sources in the recovery of Zimbabwe's pre-colonial past

STONE AGE QUESTIONS

15. How did hunting and gathering influence the lives of later Stone age societies?
16. To what extent did the San way of life reflect sustainable living with environment
17. The San are an integral part of Zimbabwe's precolonial past and present. Discuss

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18. "Forest was the life blood of the San society", Discuss
19. Although the San were backward politically economically and socially, they were progressive in some respect. Justify or refute this assertion
20. The San are the fore fathers of modern civilization. How valid is this verdict?
21. "The forest was the only source for the hunter gatherers in livelihood" Do you agree?

IRON AGE QUESTIONS

22. What evidence is found at Ziwa to demonstrate that they practiced agriculture
23. Assess the changes that took place in early Zimbawean society as a result of the introduction of Iron age.
24. How did farming revolutionaries societies in Zimbabwe?
25. In what ways did the use of iron transform the economic & social bases of early societies in pre-colonial Zimbabwe
26. Discuss the value of iron technology to pre-colonial people
27. What were the difference & similarities on the way life of the late stone age & early iron age people?
28. Discuss the extent to which the early iron age Zimbabwe societies were technologically advance.
29. Discuss the extent to which the iron age changed lives of people in pre-colonial Zimbabwe.
30. How effective were the methods used to mine and to process gold during the iron age period?
31. To what extent did iron technology lead to the formation of classes during the Iron Age period?
32. Assess the impact of iron age technology in Zimbabwean societies.
33. How far can archeology demonstrate the economic organization of early iron age society in Zimbabwe .
34. Examine the impact of the use of iron on the economic activities of the early iron age Shona communities.
35. Assess the major changes brought about by the introduction of iron in Zimbabwe during the early and later iron age.
36. Critically analyze the diffussionist and migrationist theories in the movement of the Bantu people
37. The impact of long distance trade to the iron age states has often been grossly exaggerated. Discuss

GREAT ZIMBABWE QUESTIONS

38. How far true is it that trade was only responsible for the rise and growth of the state centered at Great Zimbabwe

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39. "No trade, no great Zimbabwe" how relevant is the statement to the rise of great Zimbabwe.
40. "Historical evidence on the origin and construction of great Zimbabwe has been deliberately distorted" how accurate is the assertion?
41. To what extent are the factors responsible for the rise of great Zimbabwe the same factor that account for its decline.
42. Discuss the controversies relating to the origins of great Zimbabwe
43. Gold and cattle were the main sources of wealth in the economy of great Zimbabwe.
44. "The great Zimbabwe was built by the Shona for defense purpose", Discuss
45. Discuss the purpose for which the stone walls of G.Z were built?
46. Great Zimbabwe did not decline, but was abandoned. How valid is this assertion on the collapse of Great Zimbabwe?
47. "Ecological factors were solely responsible for the collapse of Great Zimbabwe" Is this true?
48. What evidence is there at Great Zimbabwe which prove that the people practiced trade?
49. "The Shona were not the actual builders of Great Zimbabwe", Discuss
50. "An incarnation of Mapungubwe", Is this verdict true on the existence of Great Zimbabwe
51. "Gold and cattle were the pillars of Great Zimbabwe economy", Discuss
52. To what extent did the royal family lead to the collapse of Great Zimbabwe?

MUTAPA STATE QUESTIONS

53. "The Portuguese were not entirely responsible for the decline of the Mutapa state, they merely sounded the death knell to a state on the decline' Justify or refute the statement with reference to the relation between the Mutapa state & Portuguese in the 17th centuries.
54. Assess the role of the Portuguese in the demise of the Mutapa state
55. Discus the nature and impact of long distance trade on the local economies of the various shona groups living in Zimbabwe from the 16thto 18thcentury
56. "The impact of the Mfecane on the Shona has been exaggerated" do you agree?
57. To what extent did the Mutapa depend on trade for its survival?
58. The Prazo system in Zambezi valley has sometimes be described as "an Africanization of a European institution" Do you agree?
59. "The decline of the Mutapa state was a result of varied and complex factors,the advent of the Portuguese on the scene nearly accelerated the process of decay already underway" H How valid is this argument?
60. To what extent did external factors led to decline of the Mutapa state?
61. Assess the role of external trade in the politics of the Mutapa state in the 16th and 17th century.

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62. Account the origins and subsequent expansion of the Mutapa state.
63. Discuss the nature and effects of the relations between the Portuguese and Mutapa state during 16th and 17th Century
64. "Mukombwe was a political demagogue" Discuss.
65. Critically analyse the significance of Mavhura Mhande to the Mutapa state.
66. Assess the validity of the assertion at the Mutapa relied on agriculture & cattle as bases of its economy
67. 'The activities of the Portuguese in Mutapa state were more destructive than constructive' Discuss.
68. Was the decline of Mutapa state in the 17thcentury due to internal conflicts?
69. How accurate is the view that the Mutapa state entirely depended on trade for its survival?
70. How far was the incompetent leadership responsible for the decline of Mutapa?

ROZVI STATE QUESTIONS

71. "There is no state without origins,but to trace that of the Rozvi is to open a Pandora box of confusion", Discuss the validity of this assertion
72. Analyse the rise of Changamire dynasty on the Zimbabwean plateau
73. Assess the impact of the Nguni incursion on the Rozvi state.
74. 'The power & glory of the Rozvi mambos between & 1830 has been grossly exaggerated' Do ou agree?
75. Assess the impact of the Nguni incursion on the Rozvi state?
76. Discus the view that ; 'trade & religion were solely responsible for the rise & expansion of the Rozvi state'
77. Did political – military & social factors matters anything to the Rozvi state
78. Assess the contribution of economic factors to survival of the Mutapa state
79. To what extent was the decline of the Rozvi state caused by 'Nguni incursion'?
80. "The Nguni incursions found a weak and tottering Rozvi state on the verge of decline", How justified is this view on the downfall of Rozvi state?
81. Examine the role played by trade & religion in the Rozvi state.
82. How did Rozvi state contribute to the decline of Portuguese activities in the Zmbezi valley?

NDEBELE STATE QUESTIONS

83. 'The Ndebele shona relations in the 19th century were far from cordial', Discuss
84. How accurate is the assertion that the economy of the Ndebele did not solely depend on raiding

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85. 'A typical example of a cultural conquest of the conqueror by the vanquished' Is this a fair assessment of Ndebele adoption of the karanga\ shonaMwari cult
86. How far true is the assertion that the Ndebele people relied on raiding alone for their livelihood
87. 'Essentially a raiding economy' how valid is this statement of Ndebele economic way of life
88. Critically analyse the political – military & socio-economic organization of the ndebele state
89. How important were the careers of Mzilikazi&Lobengula in the survival of the Ndebele state
90. 'A curse as well as a blessing ' Is this a living assesement of the presence of whites in the Ndebele state
91. Critically evaluate methods used by Mzilikazi& late Lobengula to control Ndebele state [
92. Critically evaluate Mzilikazi & Lobengula's leading of the Ndebele state
93. How important were political –millitary& social factors in the Ndebele state
94. Trace the Ndebele origin and migration to the present day Zimbabwe & the importance of such migration
95. Trace & explain the origins & subsequent migration of the Ndebele up to their entry into Zimbabwe
96. How accurate is the view that the 19th century Ndebele –Shona relations were largely hostile?
97. How valid is the perspective that the Shona-Ndebele relation during the pre-colonical period were perpetually hostile
98. 'It has often been argued that ' the Ndebele –shona relations in the 19th century were far from cordial' Discuss.
99. 'The shona-ndebele relations in the 19th century were characterized by peaceful co-existence' Do you agree?
100. Assess the various methods used by Mzilikazi and Lobengula to control Ndebele state

MISSIONERY ACTIVITIES AND THE COLONISATION OF ZIMBABWE

101. 'The occupation of Zimbabwe by the British was unavoidable & the treaties &concession only facilitated the process. Discuss
102. "An unfair treaty and a fraudulent process", How justified is this view of the Rudd Concession of 1888
103. "Missionary activities did more harm than good in Zimbabwe", Do you agree?
104. "The flag followed the cross", Does this fully explain the colonization of Zimbabwe?
105. Why were the missionaries less successful in Mashonaland than Matebeleland?

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106. Critically analyse the challenges faced by missionaries in Zimbabwe during the 19th Century
107. Critically examine the claim that Lobengula was also to blame for the occupation of his state by Britain
108. Lobengula tried to accommodate Europeans but the Ndebele state was too inflexible to do so. Discuss the validity of this assertion
109. Explain the motive behind Rhodes colonization of Zimbabwe and examine the role played by his agents in facilitating the colonization of the country.
110. "The principle of "effective occupation "adopted by Europeans power at the Berlin conference [1884-85] and not of the Rudd Conscession [1888] made the occupation of Zimbabwe inevitable" Do u agree?
111. Did Africans benefit from the activities of hunters and traders in Zimbabwe?
112. Critically analyze Lobengula's reaction after signing the Rudd Concession
113. How important was the royal charter in the colonization of Zimbabwe?
114. Analyse the problems faced by Rhodes in trying to colonise Zimbabwe between 1887 and 1890 and how he managed to solve them

ANGLO-NDEBELE WAR AND CHIMURENGA QUESTIONS

115. Analyse the factors which led to the 1stChimurengaUmvukela 1896-97 & explain why the Shona resistance lasted longer than that of the Ndebele
116. Exmaine roles played by the religion in the 1896
117. To what extent is the Victoria incident proof that the British were aggressive?
118. How far did loss at Mbebezi battle lead to the final defeat of the Ndebeles in 1894?
119. Did the Matopos Indaba of 1896 benefit the Ndebele?
120. Critically examine the causes of the Ango-Ndebele wr of 1893.Which group was to blame for the outbreak of the war
121. Examine roles played by religion in the 1896 revolts
122. Why did the shona not go to war against the whites before 1896
123. 'The period of the 1890_s colonial Zimbabwe was a period of accumulation & speculation '.How relevate is the statement to 1890_s in colonial Zimbabwe
124. Give the cause of Umvikela 1 in Matebeleland&Mashonaland
125. Why did the Shona not go to war against the whites before 1896
126. Discuss the reason why Africans were defeated in the 1896 revolts & results of the 1stChimurenga.How important was the role played bya spirit mediums
127. Analyze the causes of the 1stChimurenga.How important is the role play by spirit mediums[

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128. 'the Ndebele defeated in 1896 Chimurenga /Umvukela was inevitable', How valid is this assertion
129. Comment on the views that the Victoria incident of 1893 was simply used as an excuse by the BSAC to destroy the Ndebele state
130. To what extent did the Victoria incident of 1893 lead to the outbreak of the Anglo-Ndebele war of 1893?
131. Assess the developments from 1890 up to 1893 which inevitably led to the Anglo-Ndebele war.

COLONIAL ADMINSTRATION AND FEDERATION QUESTIONS

132. In what ways was southern Rhodesia responsible for the break up of the central Africa Federation
133. How effective was chibharo to the development of Rhodesia?
134. Analyse the work of the African Indigenous churches in Rhodesia during the 1930s
135. Why was peasant agriculture successful in colonial Zimbabwe up to 1908?
136. Examine the work done by the Industrial Commercial Workers union in emancipating workers in the 1920s and 1930s
137. How far did the federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland achieved its objectives by 1963
138. In what ways & to what extent did Southern Rhodesia benefit from the establishment of the federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland
139. Assess the achievements & explain the collapse of the Federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland in 1963
140. Assess the post second world war argument put forward by the settlers for the estabilishment of the federation.Why had this scheme collapsed by 1963
141. What reasons were advanced inform of the establishment of the federation of Rhodesian & Nyasaland & why did it collapse in 1963
142. Assess the economic achievements by the federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland between 1953 &1963
143. Why was the federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland formed
144. Discuss the achievement of the federal government from 1953 to 1963
145. Why were Africans unhappy with Federation
146. How valid is the assertion that souther Rhodesia domination the federation was partly respounsible for its collapse
147. How did Africans in the three territories registered for its collapse
148. How did Africans in the three territories registered their displeasure against the federal government & what were the results

LIBERATION STRUGGLE QUESTIONS

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149. 'The wind of change is blowing through Africans'.Justify this statement with reference to African political activities in southern Rhodesia during the 1950s& 1960s
150. Why did the armed struggle take so long in bringing Rhodesian white minority rule to an end
151. How accurate is it to describe nationalist activities in Zimbabwe between 1920 & 1965 as 'an urban phenomenon'
152. How & why did the Ian smith regime survive for such a long time
153. Without the support of the peasant the guerillas would not have won the Zimbabwe liberation war .'Assess the validity of this assertion
154. Why did the nationalist resort to the armed struggle & why did it take them so long to attain independence
155. What measure were put in place by smith to derait nationalist war efforts & why did the guerillas emerge victorious inspite of these efforts
156. Why did the war in Rhodisea too long to come to an end
157. Discuss the main events of Zimbabwe's 2nd Chimurenga
158. Critically analyse the role played by the city league.The African National Congress the National Democratic party &Zapu in the struggle against colonialism
159. The 1966-1967 battles were on it of bravery.It was so near yet to far for the guerillas their leaders.'Discuss the 1966& 1967 battles & the lessons learnt by the guerillas therefor leaders & the effectiveness of the adopted methods
160. What roles were played by the civilian population during Zimbabwe liberation struggle
161. ' The masses were a linch pin during the liberation struggle smith knew how vital the povo were to the guerillas. To torriorise the masses was to win the war'.What methods were used by the colonial government Southern Rhodesia to discourage the war effort

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HISTORY QUESTIONS

FRENCH REVOLUTION

1. Which contributed more to the crisis of 1789 ; an incompetent king, ambitious nobility or poor harvests?
2. "The main feature of the ancient regime in France was the existence of a highly stratified society", Discuss
3. "Poor harvests were the root cause of the revolution",How valid is this claim on the outbreak of the French revolution in 1789?
4. "A revolt against the ancient system of government", How justified is this view of the outbreak of the revolution in France?

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5. "The French revolution was caused more by errors of commission rather than errors of omission", Justify this assertion.
6. "There was little he could have done to avert the coming of the revolution", Is this statement too lenient on Louis XVI and his contributions to the outbreak of the French revolution?
7. "If Louis XVI had married another wife, the situation in France could have been different", Is this verdict justifiable on the contributions of the Queen to the outbreak of the French revolution?
8. Who were the real revolutionaries of 1789 in France?
9. To what extent did the foreign policy of France between 1774 and 1789 create a breeding ground of a revolution?
10. "The ideas of great thinkers were essential in hatching a revolution in France in 1789", Is this true?
11. "Unheralded", How justified is this view on the outbreak of the French revolution?
12. "Unavoidable", To what extent is this true of the outbreak of the French revolution in 1789?
13. To what extent did the French revolution erupt from a social angle?
14. The revolution of 1789 in France can only be explained in political term. Discuss
15. A bourgeoisie-aristocratic battle. Is this a fair assessment of the outbreak of a revolution in 1789 in France?
16. "The influence of great thinkers was the most important cause of the French revolution", Critically examine this assertion.
17. Why was Louis XVI not able to satisfy the grievances of discontented groups between 1789 and 1793?
18. Which of the grievances of the Third Estate in France of 1789 were the most important?
19. Why did Louis XVI convene the Estates general meeting? Why did it not solve his problems?
20. Why did the financial problems of France worsen under Louis XVI?
21. How far was financial crisis to blame for the outbreak of the French revolution of 1789?
22. "A protest against the king's failure to implement reforms", Consider this view of the outbreak of the French revolution of 1789.
23. "The revolution of 1789 in France was against a government which was tyrannical, inefficient and insensitive to the needs of the people", Do you agree?
24. Why did the long standing problems of France become more acute in 1789?
25. To what extent was the aristocratic revolt of 1788 responsible for the occurrence of the French revolution of 1789?
26. Analyse the view that the revolutionary reforms in France of 1789 between 1789 and 1799 was only meant to benefit the middle class.
27. Critically analyze the role played by Sans Cullotes during the French revolution
28. "Louis XVI was the architect and executor of his own demise in 1793", Is this true?

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29. How far was the influence of philosophers apparent in the aims and policies of the French revolutionary leaders between 1789 and 1793?
30. How important was the influence of Parisian clubs in the French revolution?
31. In what ways, and for what reasons, did the aims of the revolutionaries change between 1789 and 1793 in France.
32. Why and with what consequences did the rest of Europe react to events in France between 1789 and 1794?
33. Why and with what results did the French revolution become progressively radical between 1789 and 1793?
34. "A turning point in the history of the French revolution", Discuss this view of the consequences for France of the king's attempted flight to Varennes.
35. Why did France go to war in 1792?
36. "From the fall of the Bastille to the execution of Louis XVI, the resistance to the revolution within France was as dangerous as the threats made by external forces", How true is this claim and how successful did the leaders of the revolution deal with each of these dangers?
37. How serious a challenge was the kings position to progressive reform in France between 1789 and 1793?
38. Explain the nature and extent of opposition to Louis XVI IN 1789.
39. How and with what rsultd did the Civil constitution of the clergy constitute a turning point in the support base of the revolutionaries?
40. How far and by what means were the ideas of the liberty, equality and fraternity achieved by 1789?
41. Why were the revolutionary governments between 1789 and 1799 so shot-lived?
42. How serious were threats to the French revolution were presented by its enemies, both external and internal between 1789 and 1799?
43. Which groups suffered and which groups benefited from the French revolution between 1789 and 1799?
44. "The fear that France wanted to export its revolution was unjustified", Discuss this view of French foreign policy from 1789 to 1799?
45. Was terror in 1793 really necessary?
46. "A tragedy to the revolution", How justified is this view of the 1792 war on France?
47. "Terror was necessary to inspire virtue", Discuss the validity of this assertion with reference to 1793-1794.
48. "A revolution under siege. No Robespiere, no revolution", Discuss.
49. "A country cracking from outside pressure and disintegrated from internal stain", Was this justified to warranty the reign of terror in 1793 France?
50. Which did more to secure the survival of the revolution in France; Jacobin regime or Directory?

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51. Which government achieved more during the French revolution; Constituent assembly or Convention?
52. The Directory government committed political suicide. How accurate is this view of the downfall of the Directory in 1799?
53. How accurate is it that the Directory government added nothing to the French revolution?
54. "A government without any achievements", Is this true of the Directory government?
55. "The successes of the Directory government far outweighed its failures", Discuss.
56. Why, by 1799, had the Directory government fail to sustain the moderate government which had come to power in 1789?
57. Discuss the validity of the claim that the Directory government marked the end of the revolution in France.
58. Assess the importance of Robespiere to the French revolution.
59. What can be learnt from the Directory government about the achievements and problems of the French revolution?

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

60. How far was Napoleon Bonaparte an oppressive ruler in his domestic policies?
61. Did the domestic policies of Napoleon have any more important purpose than to sustain his own autocracy?
62. To what extent did Napoleon Bonaparte enjoy support within France between 1799 and 1815?
63. To what extent did Napoleon Bonaparte's domestic policies have enormous popular appeal
64. How far did Napoleon Bonaparte maintain the ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity?
65. What did France gain and what did she lose as a result of Napoleon Bonaparte's domestic policies?
66. "A consolidator rather than an innovator", Does Napoleon I deserve such an epitaph?
67. "A later day benevolent despot", Is this a fair assessment of Napoleon 1's domestic policies in France?
68. "A soldier's hatred of disorder", How far was this the guiding principle of Napoleon's rule in France?
69. "The greatest achievement of Napoleon I was a reform of the French law", Examine this view with reference to the Code Napoleon.
70. "A son of the revolution", How accurate is this view of Napoleon I's domestic policies?
71. To what extent did Napoleon construct a new order by borrowing from both the ancient regime and the revolution?
72. Napoleon I brought order at the expense of liberty. Discuss
73. "I shut down the chasm of anarchy and brought orderliness out of chaos", How befitting is this brag by Napoleon in his domestic policies?

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74. "An egocentric despot", How justified is this view of Napoleon I's policies in France between 1800 and 1815
75. "A replica of the ancient Bourbon monarchy", Is this true of the reign of Napoleon in France?
76. To what extent did the reign of Napoleon I mark the end of the revolution?
77. Why was Napoleon able to become an Emperor in 1804?
78. Why did the policies of Napoleon in France change from 1804 onwards?
79. "Napoleon was not a great general but a lucky one", Discuss
80. "It was more of his character than the weakness of Directory which brought him to power", how valid is this assessment on the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte?
81. To what extent did the Italian and Egyptian campaigns lead to the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte?
82. "Without the French revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte would have died a common man", Discuss.
83. "A short term schemer and an impractical long term dreamer", Is this a satisfactory assertiom of Napoleon I and his rule in Europe?
84. Napoleon's foreign policies had nothing to offer France. Discuss
85. To what extent was 1807 the zenith of Napoleon's career?
86. Why and with what success was Napoleon I able to exercise his dominance over European powers between 1802 and 1815?
87. To what extent did war determine the outcome of the foreign policies of Napoleon I?
88. "Borodino was the first step to Waterloo", Discuss
89. Assess the relative contributions of Austria and Prussia to the defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte.
90. "It was more of his mistakes that the strength of his enemies which brought his demise', How justified is this view of the collapse of Napoleon?
91. "Napoleon Bonaparte's downfall was caused by his insatiable desire to defeat Britain", Discuss
92. Why did it take so long for European allies to defeat Napoleon Bonaparte?
93. "Offensive and not defensive", Does this fully explain the Napoleonic wars between 1802 and 1815?
94. "My policy is France before all", Did Napoleon Bonaparte do enough in his foreign policies to justify this claim?
95. "Napoleon Bonaparte's downfall was inevitable", Discuss.
96. "The methods used to construct the empire were one of the major reasons for its downfall", How justified is this view of the collapse of the Napoleonic empire?
97. "The Spanish ulcer has destroyed me", Justify this assertion with reference to the collapse of Napoleonic empire
98. To what extent can Napoleon's successes abroad be attributed to his military abilities?

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99. "I shut down the chasm of anarchy and brought orderliness out of chaos", How befitting is this brag by Napoleon in his foreign policies?
100. Assess the contributions of Britain to the collapse of the Napoleonic empire.
101. To what extent can the collapse of the Napoleonic empire be attributed to his incessant warfare?

VIENNA SETTLEMENT AND THE CONGRES SYSTEM

102. Was the Vienna settlement the best settlement that was possible?
103. To what extent did the Vienna settlement undermine the forces of nationalism and liberalism?
104. "A shameful example of selfish interests", How justified is this of the congress of Vienna of 1814-1815
105. Which best explain the Vienna Congress of 1814-1815; fear, greed or compromise?
106. "Great power politics rather than principle dominated the Vienna settlement" Justify or refute this claim?
107. "The statesmen at Vienna were mere dealers in a diplomatic market, battering the happiness of millions with a scented smile", Discuss.
108. "A triumph of the old order", Discuss this view on the outcome of the Vienna Congress of 1815.
109. "Reactionary and not conservative", Is this a satisfactory judgement of the Vienna Settlement?
110. "On balance, the success of the Congress of Vienna far outweighed its failures", Discuss this verdict
111. How and with what success to 1830, did the Congress of Vienna seek to achieve a balance of power in Europe?
112. To what extent was the Vienna Settlement an instrument used by the strong to oppress the weak?
113. How much attention did the Congress of Vienna pay to the principle of nationality?
114. "The settlement reached at Vienna was dominated by the fear of further French aggression", Discuss
115. Whose interests were best served in Europe between 1815 and 1825?
116. "The collapse of the Congress system was unavoidable", Discuss.
117. Why did the Congress system last no more than 10 years?
118. The Congress system was doomed from the start. Discuss
119. Assess the contributions of Britain to the collapse of the Congress system.
120. How far true is it that in the reorganization of Europe the Congress of Vienna attempted to return to the conditions of pre-1789 period?

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121. Discuss the view that the Congress system between 1815 and 1825 showed that the relations between major powers were characterized more by distrust than common aim
122. "A period of change and reaction", How valid is this view on the period 1815-1825 in Europe
123. Can the years between 1815 and 1830 be described as the period of triumphant conservatism?
124. "The Congress system failed because its leaders were terrified of a revolution", Discuss
125. "There was nothing systematic about the congress system", Discus
126. "There was nothing like the congress system, the term was a creation by historians for expediency's sake", Discuss.

BOURBON MONARCHY

127. "They had learnt nothing and forgotten nothing", How justified is this view of the restored Bourbon monarchy in France.
128. "Louis XVIII tried to resist the ultras, while Charles X embraced them", Is this a satisfactory argument on the initial success and ultimate failure of the Bourbon monarchy between 1814 and 1830?
129. "The constitutional charter of 1814 was central to the survival or collapse of the Bourbon monarchy", How accurate is this view in light of the reign of Louis XVIII and Charles X?
130. Why did Charles X fail to retain the throne beyond 1830?
131. How far did the alienation of middle class contribute to the demise of the Bourbon monarchy in 1830?
132. To what extent were ultra-royalists responsible for the downfall of the Bourbon monarchy?
133. "New wine in old bottles", Does this fully explain the reign of Louis XVII and Charles X?
134. Compare and contrast the reign of Louis XVIII and Charles X.

UNIFICATION OF GERMANY AND ITAY

135. Why were the 1848 revolutions ultimately unsuccessful in both Italy and Germany?
136. "Italia-fara-da-se", Why did this prove untrue by 1848?
137. Why were the monarchists more successful than the republicans in unifying Italy?
138. "The unification of Italy was through improvisation rather than calculation", Discuss the validity of this assertion?
139. "With or without Cavour, the unification of Italy would have been possible", Discuss

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140. Why did Piedmont become the focul point of Italian unification?
141. Assess the contributions of European powers to the unification of Italy
142. What were the lessons learnt from the 1848 revolutions in Italy?
143. The unification of Germany was through coal and iron rather than blood and iron.Discuss
144. Assess the contributions of the Zollvereign to the unification of Germany
145. "The great issues of the day will not be decided by speeches and resolutions but by blood and iron", How relevant is this assertion to the events which unfolded in Germany between 1862 and 1871?
146. "A shrewd opportunist", Is this a satisfactory argument on Bismarck's policies between 1862 and 1871?
147. "Bismarck tried to Prussianize Germany rather than to Germanize it", Discuss.
148. Bismarck used war to promote unification rather than unification to promote war. How valid is this assertion?
149. "A good chase player", Is this the appropriate compliment to give Bismarck with reference to his policies between 1862 and 1871?
150. "Unheralded", How justified is this assertion on the unification of Germany?
151. Why did Prussia and not Austria unify Germany in 1871?
152. How clear was it, before Bismarck's assumption of office that Germany would be unified by Prussia?
153. His only concern was the glory of his state", Is this a fair assessment of Cavour?
154. "Mazzini's contributions to the Italian unification has been overstated", Discuss.
155. "A statesman knows his general direction but not his exact path", Consider Bismarck's policies between 1862 and 1871 in light of this judgement.

FIRST WORLD WAR

156. Was Kaiser William II a war monger?
157. "The causes of the First World War lay in the Balkans", Discuss.
158. Why did the First World War not occur in 1912 or before?
159. "Germany had a clear programme of territorial expansion which made war inevitable", How far can this view account for the reasons why the war occurred in 1914?
160. "The arms race was mainly responsible for the outbreak of the 1st World War", Discuss.
161. How accurate is the view that imperialism was the root cause of the 1st World War?
162. "Weak allies accelerated German's defeat in the First World War", Discuss.
163. "A watershed in the Great War of 1914-1918", How justified is this view of U.S.A entry in the 1st World War?

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164. To what extent did Germany's Weltipolitik policy lead to the outbreak of the 1st World War?
165. Colonial rivalry was solely responsible for the outbreak of the Great War in 1914. Discuss.
166. "The defeat of Germany in 1918 was unavoidable", Discuss.

PARIS PEACE SETTELEMENT

167. Did the treaty at Versailles have any more aims than to reward the victors and punish the aggressors
168. Was the treaty of Versailles dominated by the spirit of revenge?
169. "The peace treaties signed between 1919 and 1923 were neither just nor wise", Discuss
170. How valid is the view that the settlement at Versailles was a compromise between British and French views?
171. Did the treaty at Vienna fundamentally weaken the Weimar republic?
172. "Victory for Vengeance", How valid is this assertion on the Versailles treaty?
173. To what extent were the ideas of Woodrow Wilson pursued at the signing of the Versailles treaty?

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