

HISTORY

ADVANCED SUPPLEMENTARY LEVEL

PREAMBLE

The Advanced Supplementary Level History examination offers alternative syllabuses to cater for different needs and interests. Candidates may enter for EITHER Syllabus A OR Syllabus B, but not both. The two syllabuses are identical in terms of the skills to be developed and tested, the structure and duration of the examination, and question format. They differ only in their area coverage: Syllabus A is on Modern Western History (circa 1800–1980) whereas Syllabus B is on Modern Asian History (circa 1800–1980).

AIMS

Refer to the Advanced Level Syllabus.

OBJECTIVES

Refer to the Advanced Level Syllabus.

THE EXAMINATION

Syllabus A

1. The examination will consist of a three-hour paper divided into Part I and Part II.
2. Part I will carry 40% of the total subject marks, and will consist of compulsory data-based questions related to the nominated topic (see ANNEX). Various types of historical sources may be used, including extracts from written sources, statistics, and visual material such as maps, cartoons and photographs. Candidates are advised to spend approximately 1¼ hours on this Part.
3. Part II will carry 60% of the total subject marks. It will consist of 15 essay-type questions on Modern Western History (circa 1800–1980) organised under four themes. There will be a rough balance between questions on the four themes. All questions will carry equal marks. Candidates may answer any **TWO** questions in this Part. They are advised to spend approximately 1¾ hours on this Part.

4. *Pinyin* spelling of Chinese names for places and persons, as well as other proper names, will be used in the examination papers. Candidates are encouraged to use *pinyin* for Chinese names in their answers although Wade-Giles spelling will also be accepted.

Syllabus B

1. The examination will consist of a three-hour paper divided into Part I and Part II.
2. Part I will carry 40% of the total subject marks, and will consist of compulsory data-based questions related to the nominated topic (see ANNEX). Various types of historical sources may be used, including extracts from written sources, statistics, and visual material such as maps, cartoons and photographs. Candidates are advised to spend approximately 1¼ hours on this Part.
3. Part II will carry 60% of the total subject marks. It will consist of 21 essay-type questions on Modern Asian History (circa 1800–1980) divided into five Sections: A, B, C, D and E. The geographical areas to be covered are China, Japan, India, Southeast Asia and Hong Kong. There will be 3 questions on Section A (China) and 4 questions on each of the other four sections. 2 questions will be set on developments/themes which involved more than one Asian country/region or Asia as a whole. All questions will carry equal marks. Candidates may answer any **TWO** questions in this Part. They are advised to spend approximately 1¾ hours on this Part.
4. *Pinyin* spelling of Chinese names for places and persons, as well as other proper names, will be used in the examination paper. Candidates are encouraged to use *pinyin* for Chinese names in their answers although Wade-Gile spelling will also be accepted.

THE SYLLABUS

Syllabus A: Refer to Paper 1 of the Advanced Level Syllabus.

Syllabus B: Refer to Paper 2 of the Advanced Level Syllabus.

ANNEX

Nominated Topics for Data-Based Questions

SYLLABUS A

Continuity and Change in Modern Europe

This topic covers the political, social, economic and cultural developments as well as international relations in Europe from the 1870s to the 1920s.

SYLLABUS B

Continuity and Change in Modern China

This topic covers the political, social, economic and cultural developments of China as well as its foreign relations from the 1840s to the early 1920s.