



ICM

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THE THIRD WORLD & THE NEW WORLD

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer any FIVE questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
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1. Third World countries have a number of problems in relation to economic development. One of these is the slow progress towards industrialisation. Discuss this and list some of the conditions necessary for industrial development. [20]
 2. 'At the outset of independence, African leaders sought to eliminate dependence on foreign powers.' Discuss this statement and evaluate how effective this aim has been. [20]
 3. The US continues to wield influence on Latin American countries. Discuss the US influence and how US business interests can distort the economies in this region. [20]
 4. Describe how China has developed from a Third World country in the 1950s to a leading economy today. [20]
 5. The 1990s saw an economic downturn for Japan. Explain some of the reasons for this setback. [20]
 6. Trade is an important aspect of the international environment. Explain how the 'globalisation' of trade has assisted economies such as the US, Japan and China. [20]
 7. Describe the economic and political situations in Russia during EACH of the following periods:
 - a) Gorbachev's presidency
 - b) Putin's presidency[10 each]
 8. The nuclear arms race between the US and the Soviet Union was a terrible bi-product of the 'Cold War'. Describe the reasoning behind this 'race' and how attempts were made to reduce the weapons on both sides. [20]