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# Scholarship Paper 2023

**Subject: HISTORY**

**Time: 1 Hour**

**You must have:**

Pen  
Pencil

**Total Marks**  
**40**

## Instructions

- Use black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer the questions in the answer sheets provided.
  - there may be more space than you need.

## Information

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- This examination is 1-hour long.
- The paper is divided into two sections:
  - Section 1: 20th Century Document Questions
  - Section 2: Outline Questions:
- You must answer **ALL** the questions in section 1 and any from section 2.
- You should spend five minutes reading and then no more than twenty minutes on Section 1.
- Handwriting and presentation are important.

## SECTION A

### ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

#### Background Information

During the peace negotiations in 1919 it was agreed to set up a League of Nations. Its main aim was to maintain world peace through collective security and disarmament. The League faced many problems during its lifetime including its lack of powers of enforcement, the absence of some major countries and the self-interest of leading members such as Britain and France. By the end of the crisis over Abyssinia in 1936 it was clear that the League was failing. Was the League doomed from the start?

#### SOURCE A



*A British cartoon published in 1919.*

## SOURCE B

The League needs to provide the means for the common action which will have to be exercised by the Council. I need hardly point out the League lacks the means of control or police that would make its decisions effective. We all want our action to be effective; we do not want anybody to ridicule us. We desire security. I am bound to say that at the present moment we do not feel that the safeguards are adequate.

France must keep its weapons in readiness. France is obliged to be military for the present, and to continue to be so in order to avoid the resumption of war. We do not want to have lost a million and a half-lives for nothing.

*From a speech by a French delegate to the Assembly of the League, 1921.*

## SOURCE C

The one serious defect in the Covenant is the element of compulsory obligation, the attempt to promote peace by binding members to take economic or other sanctions irrespective of the merits of the dispute in question. This criticism in no way implies any lack of support of the League. It is by far the most effective and hopeful instrument for the prevention of war that the world has yet seen. But in our judgement, the compulsory sanctions are a hindrance and not a help to the League. They are certainly the most important reason why certain nations stay out of the League.

The League is a conference system between independent states and the best way is to leave the decision about their action to the individual members.

*From an article by a member of the British government, published in 1924.*

SOURCE D



*A British cartoon published in November 1919.*

SOURCE E



*A British cartoon entitled 'Moral Persuasion', published in 1920. The rabbit is saying 'My offensive equipment being practically nil, it remains for me to fascinate him with the power of my eye.'*

**Study Source A.**

1. What is the cartoonist's message? Explain your answer using details of the source and your knowledge. [4]

**Study Sources B and C.**

2. Does Source B make Source C surprising? Explain your answer using details of the sources and your knowledge. [8]

**Study Sources D and E.**

3. How far do these two cartoonists agree? Explain your answer using details of the sources and your knowledge. [8]

[Total 20 Marks]

## Section B

### ANSWER ONLY ONE QUESTION

1. The peacemakers at Versailles achieved the best they could at the time.
  - (a) What did the Treaty of Versailles decide about (i) the Saar and (ii) Danzig? [4]
  - (b) Why did the Allies exclude Germany from the peace negotiations? [6]
  - (c) 'Of the defeated countries, Austria suffered the most from the Paris peace settlement.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
  
2. Many factors contributed to the collapse of peace in 1939.
  - (a) Describe Hitler's policy towards Czechoslovakia in 1938-39. [4]
  - (b) Why did Hitler take Germany out of the League of Nations in 1933? [6]
  - (c) How far was Hitler's determination to overturn the Treaty of Versailles to blame for war in 1939? Explain your answer. [10]
  
3. The USSR's control over Eastern Europe collapsed quickly.
  - (a) What was the Berlin Wall? [4]
  - (b) Why was Solidarity important in the decline of Soviet power in Eastern Europe? [6]
  - (c) 'Gorbachev's reduction of Soviet defense spending was the main reason for the collapse of Soviet control over Eastern Europe.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
  
4. The Weimar Republic faced difficulties throughout its existence.
  - (a) What actions had Stresemann taken by the end of 1923 to save the Weimar Republic from collapsing? [4]
  - (b) Why, following the American stock market crash, did the Weimar Republic face an economic crisis? [6]
  - (c) 'Up to 1923 the Weimar Republic was more threatened by left-wing opponents than by rightwing opponents.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

[Total 20 Marks]