**iGCSE End of Year Exam Guidance and Advice**

**Y10 - 2017**

**CONTENT:**

You will have a 2 hour exam with three sets of abc questions on the three topics below (the first three in your text book):

**1 Were the peace treaties of 1919–23 fair?**

Focus Points • What were the motives and aims of the Big Three at Versailles? • Why did all the victors not get everything they wanted? • What was the impact of the peace treaty on Germany up to 1923? • Could the treaties be justified at the time?

Specified Content • The peace treaties of 1919–23: – the roles of individuals such as Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd George in the peacemaking process – the impact of the treaties on the defeated countries – contemporary opinions about the treaties

**2 To what extent was the League of Nations a success?**

Focus Points • How successful was the League in the 1920s? • How far did weaknesses in the League’s organisation make failure inevitable? • How far did the Depression make the work of the League more difficult? • How successful was the League in the 1930s?

Specified Content • The League of Nations: – strengths and weaknesses in its structure and organisation: work of the League’s agencies/ humanitarian work – successes and failures in peacekeeping during the 1920s – the impact of the World Depression on the work of the League after 1929 – the failures of the League in the 1930s, including Manchuria and Abyssinia

**3 Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?**

Focus Points • What were the long-term consequences of the peace treaties of 1919–23? • What were the consequences of the failures of the League in the 1930s? • How far was Hitler’s foreign policy to blame for the outbreak of war in 1939? • Was the policy of appeasement justified? • How important was the Nazi–Soviet Pact? • Why did Britain and France declare war on Germany in September 1939?

Specified Content • The collapse of international order in the 1930s • The increasing militarism of Germany, Italy and Japan • Hitler’s foreign policy to 1939: – the Saar – remilitarisation of the Rhineland – involvement in the Spanish Civil War – Anschluss with Austria – appeasement – crises over Czechoslovakia and Poland – the outbreak of war

**EXAM STRUCTURE**

**4 mark question – 5 minutes**

4 clear, detailed and specific to the question points

**6 mark question – 10-15 minutes**

Explain 2 or 3 relevant answers to this question

* *One reason for ….was…….*
* *This meant that…..*
* *This meant that…..*
* *Therefore this caused…….*
* *Repeat 2/3 times*

Ensure you answer the specific question given and that you are arguing, not just giving knowledge.

Make sure after each point that you make there is at least 3 sentences of development – include evidence to prove your point and explanation of how the evidence proves the point

**10 mark question – 20-25 minutes**

*‘Statement’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer*

* Paragraph one – Agree with the statement – include plenty of evidence and explanation
* Paragraph two – Challenge the statement – include plenty of evidence and explanation
* Conclusion – overall judgement – which view is more valid, **relative to the other**

Include plenty of detailed evidence and explanation. If you are running out of time, cut your second paragraph short and get some kind of conclusion down – this is really important.

**GENERAL ADVICE:**

In your exam, be really strict with your timing – no more than 40 minutes per section. Practice this timing using the past questions below.

For your revision, ensure you are transforming information i.e. rewriting your info into your own words in notes/mindmaps etc.

Learn the content then practice applying it to the questions below:

1. What did the Treaty of Versailles state about Danzig and the Rhineland? [4]
2. Why were the victors not free to make the peace they wanted? [6]
3. ‘At the time, the Treaty of Versailles was justifiable.’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
4. What was the role of the Assembly within the League of Nations? [4]
5. Why was the idea of ‘collective security’ unlikely to be successful for the League of Nations? [6]
6. How successful was the League of Nations in the 1920s? Explain your answer. [10]
7. What were the successes of the League of Nations in the 1920s? [4]
8. Why did the USA’s failure to become a member create problems for the League? [6]
9. ‘Italy was more responsible than Britain and France for the failure of the League of Nations’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
10. What were Hitler’s foreign policy aims? [4]
11. Why was the re-militarisation of the Rhineland a success for Hitler? [6]
12. ‘Increased militarism was the main cause of the Second World War.’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
13. Describe Germany’s involvement in the Spanish Civil War. [4]
14. Why did Britain follow a policy of appeasement towards Germany? [6]
15. ‘The Nazi-Soviet Pact was of greater benefit to Germany than it was to the Soviet Union.’ How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]