S6 History Practice Paper (Set 2)

S6 | History | Time: 75 minutes | Total: 100 marks | 24 questions

Part A Late Qing Treaties and Trade (16 marks)

Answer all questions and show your working.

1. In a year in the 1830s, Chinese tea and silk exports were worth 500 million taels while opium imports were worth 800 million taels. Find the net silver outflow and the deficit as a percentage of import value. [4]

2. The Treaty of Nanjing imposed an indemnity of 2100 million silver dollars, with 1 dollar about 0.7 taels. If Qing annual revenue was about 4000 million taels, find the indemnity in taels and its share of annual revenue. [4]

3. The 1842 treaty opened 5 treaty ports; after 1860 the number rose to 16. Find the percentage increase and state the effect on foreign trade. [4]

4. The 1843 tariff agreement cut the average import duty from 20% to 5%. Find the percentage fall in the duty rate and explain the effect on native handicrafts. [4]

Part B Republican Era and the War of Resistance (16 marks)

Answer with reference to the data below and show your working.

5. During the War of Resistance Chinese military and civilian casualties were about 3500 million out of a population of about 45000 million. Find casualties as a percentage of the population. [4]

6. Before the war 3935 factories were registered nationwide and 452 were moved inland during the war. Find the share moved inland and explain its strategic significance. [4]

7. The price index rose from 2500 in 1945 to 1000000 in 1948 on the same base. Find how many times the 1948 price level was compared with 1945. [4]

8. Military casualties were 380 million and civilian casualties 3120 million. Find the civilian share of total casualties. [4]

Part C The Two World Wars and Peace Treaties (16 marks)

Answer all questions, giving answers to a suitable number of decimal places.

9. The Treaty of Versailles set German reparations at 1320 billion gold marks; German exports in 1925 were about 90 billion marks. Find the reparations in years of export value. [4]

10. British national debt rose from 0.65 billion pounds in 1914 to 7.4 billion pounds in 1919. Find the percentage increase. [4]

11. German home territory was about 468787 square kilometres; Alsace-Lorraine, ceded away, was about 14522 square kilometres. Find the ceded share of home territory to 1 decimal place. [4]

12. Soviet deaths in the Second World War were about 2700 million out of about 7000 million worldwide. Find the Soviet share to 1 decimal place. [4]

Part D Cold War and the Marshall Plan (16 marks)

Answer with reference to the data below and show your working.

13. Marshall Plan aid totalled 13.15 billion dollars, of which Britain received 3.297 billion and France 2.706 billion. Find each country share to 1 decimal place. [4]

14. NATO had 12 members when founded in 1949 and 30 in 2020. Find the percentage increase in membership. [4]

15. United States defence spending was 14.2% of GDP in 1953 and 9.0% in 1960. Find the fall in percentage points and the relative fall to 1 decimal place. [4]

16. Assume that in 1960 United States military spending was 450 billion dollars, Soviet spending 300 billion, and world spending 1000 billion. Find the combined share and the Soviet share of world spending. [4]

Part E Hong Kong Economic and Social Transformation (18 marks)

Answer all questions, show your working and give answers to 1 decimal place.

17. Manufacturing employment was 47.7% of total employment in 1971 and 28.2% in 1991. Find the fall in percentage points and the relative fall to 1 decimal place. [4]

18. Hong Kong re-export value rose from 300 billion dollars in 1980 to 13900 billion in 2000. Find how many times the 2000 value was of 1980, to 1 decimal place. [4]

19. Using the data above, find the compound annual growth rate of re-export value from 1980 to 2000, to 1 decimal place. [5]

20. Hong Kong population rose from 313 million in 1961 to 741 million in 2021. Find the percentage increase to 1 decimal place and state the pressure on housing and transport. [5]

Part F Source Criticism and Statistical Interpretation (18 marks)

Answer all questions and explain the basis of your judgement.

21. Source A: a 1938 newspaper editorial praising the discipline of local troops. Source B: a foreign correspondent private diary of the same period recording soldiers seizing grain from villagers. How should the reliability of the two sources be assessed for a study of military discipline? [4]

22. Assume world trade value rose from 200 billion dollars in 1913 to 550 billion in 1950. Find the percentage increase. [4]

23. Using the data above, find the compound annual growth rate of world trade from 1913 to 1950, to 1 decimal place. [5]

24. The nominal wage index rose from 100 in 1913 to 300 in 1950 while the price index rose from 100 to 210. Find the 1950 real wage index and the real increase to 1 decimal place. [5]
