**THE TOWNSEND-WARNER HISTORY PRIZE 2025**

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**PAPER TWO**

***INSTRUCTIONS***

***1. The time allowed is TWO HOURS.***

***2. Answer ALL questions. Questions 2, 3 & 4 are on the second side.***

***3. Avoid writing about the same subject twice.***

***4. Marks will be allocated as follows:***

***Question 1 – 30 marks (15 marks each) Question 2 – 20 marks***

***Question 3 – 20 marks (15 marks each) Question 4 – 30 marks***

**1. Write fully on TWO of the following:**

The Great Wall of China (220 BC) The New Model Army (1645)

Roman Conquest of Britain (AD 43-122) Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723)

Watling Street Monmouth’s Rebellion (1685)

Offa’s Dyke (789) The Old Pretender (1688-1766)

Alfred the Great (871-899) Robert Walpole (1676-1745)

Ethelred the Unready (978-1016) Richard Arkwright (1732-1792)

Hereward the Wake (c.1035-c.1072) Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

Domesday Book (1086) Ludwig von Beethoven (1770-1827)

The Third Crusade (1189-1192) The Battle of the Nile (1798)

The Unpopularity of King John (1199-1216) Napoleon’s Invasion of Russia (1812)

Medieval Castles & Siege Warfare Jane Austen (1775-1817)

Marco Polo (c.1254-1324) The Irish Potato Famine (1845-1848)

The Black Death (1346-1353) Prince Albert (1819-1861)

The Peasants’ Revolt (1381) Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

Henry V (1413-1422) David Livingstone (1813-1873)

Hampton Court Karl Marx (1818-1883)

Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon (1509-36) Douglas Haig in World War I (1914-1918)

Thomas Cromwell (c.1485-1540) The General Strike (1926)

The Reign of Mary I (1553-1558) Dunkirk (1940)

The Religious Settlement (1559) Pearl Harbour (1941)

Francis Drake (1540-1596) Stalin & the Second World War (1939-1945)

James I (1603-1625) The Vietnam War (1956-1975)

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) Bloody Sunday (1972)

Archbishop Laud (1573-1645) The Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)

The Trial of Charles I (1649) Tiananmen Square (1989)

**(30 marks)**

**2. EITHER Write an imaginary letter to a newspaper (10-15 lines long),**

**attacking a particular government policy of the day, in any country you choose. The time must be before 1900. Include as much relevant historical material as possible.**

**OR Imagine you have your own time machine to visit the past before 1900. State the country and year you have gone back to and write about what you see and hear.**

**(20 marks)**

**3. EITHER As recent (and current) wars show, the nature of warfare is constantly evolving. Compare and contrast medieval warfare with more modern military**

**campaigns. Try to give detailed historical examples where you can.**

**OR Choose a ruler, or politician, or military commander, or an artist, from any country, living before 1900. Write two or three extracts from his, or her, memoirs,**

**making them as historically accurate and interesting as you can.**

**(20 marks)**

**4. Write an essay on ONE of the following:**

a) The Romans occupied parts of Britain for over 400 years. What were the characteristics of their rule?

b) Assess what were the most important achievements of ONE of these medieval kings of

England: William I, Henry I, Edward I.

c) Describe any aspect of local history you have studied and explain how it has helped you

understand the past.

d) What were the key reasons for the development of London as a city?

e) EITHER Discuss the achievements of the reign of Elizabeth I, OR Analyze why the Royalists lost the English Civil War.

f) What were the most important changes in Britain between 1760 and 1860, caused by

the Industrial Revolution?

g) Why was Germany defeated in World War One?

h) There are statues in Britain of historical figures, such as Drake and Rhodes, which some

no longer approve of. Outline the arguments for keeping, or removing, such memorials.

i) Discuss the motives behind the policies of ONE of these twentieth century dictators:

Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Pol Pot

j) What were the reasons for the development of the Cold War, between 1945 and 1989?

k) Consider the following two quotations and write about any aspects of the history you

have studied, to show the truth, or otherwise, of these remarks:

*Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. (W.S. Churchill)*

*Why study history? Unlike physics or economics, history is not a means for making*

*accurate predictions. (Y.N.Harari)* **(30 marks)**

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