

Topic 11 Causes and effects of 20th-century wars

21. Evaluate the impact of the mobilization of human **and** economic resources on the outcome of **one** 20th-century war.

Candidates will appraise the impact of human and economic resources upon the outcome of one war chosen from the timeframe of the topic. Depending on the war chosen, candidates' analyses of the outcome may extend into the early years of the 21st century. In this way, events that occurred outside of the topic timeframe may be considered relevant. In their evaluation, some candidates may note the mobilization of armies and/or the procurement of arms. Both of these are appropriate examples of how human and economic resources were mobilized. To contextualize the impact of the named resources, candidates may choose to consider the impact of other factors, such as the involvement of foreign powers or the use of advanced technology.

22. Evaluate the impact of **two** 20th-century wars on the role and status of women.

Candidates will appraise the impact on the role and status of women of two wars chosen from the timeframe of the topic. Depending on the wars chosen, candidates' analyses of the impact on the role and status of women may extend into the early years of the 21st century. The wars chosen may or may not have occurred at the same time, but they must come from different regions. Both the role and the status of women need to be evaluated and reference may be made to the period of the duration of the war or to its aftermath, as long as there are clear links to the wars chosen. The impact of each war may be considered separately, or a thematic approach adopted comparing the various ways in which each war had an impact on women.

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21. Evaluate the importance of guerrilla warfare to the outcome of **two** 20th-century wars.

Candidates will appraise the importance of guerrilla warfare to the outcome of two 20th century wars, which may or may not come from the same region. While the focus of the response must be within the timeframe of this topic, the examples chosen need not be contemporaneous with each other. Candidates will ensure that evaluation of guerrilla warfare is linked to outcomes of the chosen wars. It would be valid to weigh the contribution of guerrilla warfare against other factors that determined the wars' outcome. It could also be valid to choose wars where guerrilla warfare had limited impact on the outcome; however, candidates must, in this case, address the reasons why guerrilla warfare was less significant. The wars may be considered separately or a thematic approach may be adopted.

22. With reference to **one** 20th-century war, compare and contrast the political repercussions for **two** countries.

Candidates will give an account of the similarities and difference between the political repercussions of one war for two countries, referring to both countries throughout. The chosen countries may or may not come from the same region. Depending on the war chosen, the candidates' analysis of political repercussions may extend beyond 2000. In this way, events which occurred in the first eight years (in line with the 10-year rule) of the 21st century may be considered relevant. Candidates may, for example, consider territorial changes, countries where wars created political instability or regime change, countries where a political leader's prestige was enhanced, or countries where the experience of war promoted isolationism or, conversely, a determination to prevent future conflict.

6. With reference to **two** countries, each from a different region, examine the social impact of war during the second half of the 20th century.

Candidates must consider the social impact of war on two states, each drawn from a different region. While many candidates may choose to compare the social impact of war on each state in their response there is no prescribed answer.

Indicative content

- The question allows for any war or wars in the second half of the 20th century to be used; the war(s) chosen could be civil wars, guerrilla wars, decolonization wars or regional wars.
- Popular choices may be Korea, Vietnam, the Algerian War, the Arab-Israeli Wars, Afghanistan (for the Soviet Union), the Falklands/Malvinas War, the Gulf War (1991).
- The extent of the social impact will vary depending on which war is chosen; however, expect detailed knowledge of changes in both of the countries involved.
- Some commonalities might be upheaval in society or, for particular ethnic groups, division of society for and against the war, the impact on women, education and civil rights and increased nationalism, patriotism or perhaps even cynicism.

*The above material is an indication of what candidates may elect to write about in their responses. However, it is not exhaustive and **no set answer is required**.*

*Examiners and moderators are reminded of the need to apply the markbands that provide the “**best fit**” to the responses given by candidates and to **award credit wherever it is possible to do so**.*