



# TOM NEWBY SCHOOL EXAMINATION



Subject	HISTORY	Examiner	MRS P SINGH
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Session	TWO	Duration	ONE HOUR
Grade	6	Moderator	MRS W PIENAAR
Special instructions/ Equipment	1. Read ALL questions carefully. 2. Answer on the question paper.		

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## QUESTION 1

State whether the following are True or False. Fill in the correct answer for False statements.

1.1 The century after Marco Polo's travels became known as the Voyages of Exploration.

False ✓ Age of Discovery

1.2 One of the most important explorers who were inspired by Marco Polo was Christopher Columbus.

True ✓

1.3 Christopher Columbus believed that one could reach the East by sea by travelling eastwards.

False ✓ westwards ✓

1.4 Columbus reached India in 1492 with a crew of 96 sailors.

False ✓ Carribean islands ✓

1.5 Queen Isabella of Spain sponsored Christopher Columbus' trip.

True ✓

1.6 The Silk Road was discovered by Christopher Columbus.

False ✓ Marco Polo ✓

(5)

## QUESTION 2

Leonardo da Vinci was born in 2.1 Italy ✓ / 1452 (15 April) and was best remembered as the painter of many great works of art like 2.2 The Mona Lisa ✓ and 2.3 The Last Supper. He was also famous for his amazing variety of talents which were 2.4 sculpting ✓, 2.5 architecture ✓, 2.6 geology ✓ and 2.7 engineering/military ✓. He also made detailed drawings of 2.8 The human <sup>arts</sup> body ✓ which are still highly regarded today.

2.4 - 2.7 - can be in any order

(4)

## QUESTION 3

Give a suitable definition for the following words:

3.1 Astronomy - is the study of the stars and the planets ✓ in the universe ✓

3.2 Engineering - the study & practice of using mathematics & science ✓ to do practical things like building structures ✓ and designing structures, tools & machines.

3.3 Geology - is the study of the physical structure of the earth ✓ and how it has changed over time. ✓  
Geologists gain this by studying rocks. (6)

## QUESTION 4

Short answers

4.1 In what year was Marco Polo born?

1254 ✓

4.2 Where was Marco Polo born?

Venice, Italy ✓

4.3 Marco Polo wanted to make contacts in the East to trade for what item?

spices ✓

4.4 Which Chinese Ruler gave Polo a golden tablet? Kublai Khan

4.5 Name 4 things this tablet enabled Marco Polo to buy.

horses ✓ Food ✓  
guides ✓ places to sleep ✓  
safety

4.6 Name the places through which Polo travelled to reach China

Baghdad ✓ and the Gobi Desert ✓

(5)

### QUESTION 5

Match the words in Column A with their description in Column B.  
 Write down just the correct letter each time.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
5.1	Great Zimbabwe	a.	Invented by Galileo Galilei
5.2	Marco Polo	b.	A time when people were encouraged to look for new ideas.
5.3	Conservative time	c.	Allowed people to print pamphlets and books in large numbers.
5.4	Telescope	d.	King lived in a magnificent palace on the top of a hill.
5.5	Renaissance	e.	Spent 24 years of his life travelling.
5.6	Invention of the printing press	f.	People did not want to look further than their own towns.
5.7	Leonardo da Vinci	g.	Great scientist.
5.8	Galileo Galilei	h.	Artist.
5.9	Pendulum	i.	An object that is hung so that it can swing freely.
5.10	Merchant	j.	Another word for a trader.
		k.	Speed at which objects fall
		l.	Missionaries

5.1 d ✓    5.2 e ✓    5.3 f ✓    5.4 a ✓    5.5 b ✓  
 5.6 c ✓    5.7 h ✓    5.8 g ✓    5.9 i ✓    5.10 j ✓  
 (5)

QUESTION 6:

Look at the pictures and answer the questions that follow:

6.1



a. What is being shown in the picture?  
soapstone birds (1)

b. Each of these are different.  
Describe the features of each of them.

They have human features mixed with that of eagles. They have 4 or 5 toes in place of talons (3) and some have lips instead of a beak.

6.2



a. What is the item in the picture?  
gunpowder ✓ (1)

b. Who invented this item?  
The Chinese ✓ (1)

6.3



a. Name the person in the statue.

Dias ✓ (1)

b. In which country was this statue placed? Why?

England. He was the 1st person to come to Africa. ✓ (1) [8]

QUESTION 7

## Longer questions

DIAS

7.1 In what year did Bartholomeu Dias set sail from Portugal?

1487 ✓

(1)

7.2 Name the events that took place that lead to Dias landing in Mossel Bay on his voyage to Luderitz.

From Luderitz his ship was blown off course by a massive gale. ✓ For days the gale blew & blew. ✓ When it stopped, he steered northeast and landed in Mossel Bay. ✓

(3)

7.3 When Dias rounded the tip of Africa on his way home, he named it the Cape of Good Hope. Why did he name this tip Cape of Good Hope?

He believed there was hope of finding a route to India. ✓

(1)

7.4 How did Dias die?

He was shipwrecked near the Cape. ✓

(1)

VASCO DA GAMA

7.5 Vasco da Gama ran into serious issues when trying to trade at Calicut. Explain why this was so.

1. He brought very little of value ✓ on his ship.

2. He made the local traders suspicious of him. ✓

(2)

7.6 Why was his voyage back home disastrous?

1. Half of his crew died of scurvy. ✓

2. His trip took longer because the winds were not blowing in his favour. ✓

(2)

V.O.C.

Read Source A and then answer 7.7 and 7.8

SOURCE A

In 1609 the VOC forced the people of Banda to establish a fort on the island. When the people of Banda resisted the Dutch monopoly, and tried to trade with other European nations, the Dutch made war on the people. Most of the people were killed and the rest were made slaves who were forced to work for the Dutch.

Source: *The Dutch in the East*, J. Engles, published in 1991

7.7 Who did the V.O.C. send to the Cape of Good Hope to establish a base there and in what year was he sent?

Jan van Riebeeck ✓ in 1652 ✓

(1)

7.8 What does Source A tell you about the VOC and the Dutch? Name 3 things.

1. They were cruel & violent ✓

2. They forced the people to build a fort ✓ & when they chose to trade with others they declared war.

3. many people were killed ✓

(3)

any 3

## 7.9 Read Source B then answer the questions that follow

**SOURCE B**

This Source explains what life was like for the crew.

*On board VOC ships the crew and ship's officers were divided. Officers and rich passengers lived in relative luxury on the upper deck. The living area of the crew was below deck and before the main mast. They did not dare to come to the upper deck without permission: punishment for this offense was strict.*

*Crew stayed and slept where they worked. No dormitories (rooms to sleep in) existed. The cook lived near his kitchen and the carpenter in his workshop. Life aboard was harsh. Privacy was almost non-existent, food was of poor quality. The workload was heavy. The dangers were high.*

*Adapted from the website [hollandtour.org](http://hollandtour.org). This organisation takes people on historical tours to show what it was like at the time of the VOC.*

Do you think life on board VOC ships was the same for everyone?  
Explain your answer.

Life was not the same. ✓  
Officers and rich passengers lived in luxury on the top deck. ✓  
The crew lived in terrible overcrowded conditions below or on deck. ✓ (3)

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**TOTAL : 50**