PICTON HIGH SCHOOL
MODERN HISTORY
YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION

Due Date: Trial Examination Period
Weeks 9 & 10 Term 2, 2019
2nd July 2019

Assessment Name:
HSC Trial Examination

Mark: /75
Weighting: 30%

OUTCOMES TO BE ASSESSED:

MH12.1 Accounts for the nature of continuity and change in the modern world
MH12.2 Proposes arguments about the varying causes and effects of events and developments
MH12.5 Assesses the significance of historical features, people, ideas, movements, events and developments of the modern world
MH12.7 Discusses and evaluates differing interpretations and representations of the past
MH12.9 Communicates historical understanding, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms, in appropriate and well-structured forms

DIRECTIVES TO BE ASSESSED

ACCOUNTS: Account for: state reasons for, report on. Give an account of: narrate a series of events or transactions
PROPOSES: Put forward (for example a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action
ASSESSES: Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size
EVALUATES: Make a judgement based on criteria; determine the value of
COMMUNICATES: Shares information

TASK DESCRIPTION:

Your Trial Examination will be comprised of Three (3) sections and will take place in the Trial Examination Period during weeks 9 and 10 of Term 2.

Section I – Core Study - Power and Authority in the Modern World (25 Marks)
There will be three or four questions in this section. One question will be worth 10-15 mark. Questions in this section will require you to analyse and interpret sources and apply your own knowledge.

Section II – National Study – USA 1919 - 1941 (25 Marks)
This will be extended response question. There will be two alternative questions to choose from. Two of the following questions will make up this section in your Trial Examination.

- Analyse the role of urbanisation and industrialisation in shaping American society during this period.
- The New Deal successfully halted The Great Depression. Discuss this statement.
- To what extent was FD Roosevelt more successful than Herbert Hoover in halting the Great Depression.
- Evaluate the view that Prohibition was an effective measure in controlling social tensions during the period 1919-1941.
- How did domestic pressures influence USA Foreign Policy between 1919-1941?
- To what extend did the economic difficulties of the 1930s have a greater impact on African Americans than any other group in American society.
Section II – Peace and Conflict – Conflict in the Pacific (25 Marks)
This will be extended response question. There will be two alternative questions to choose from. Two of the following questions will make up this section in your Trial Examination.

- Evaluate the view that Guadalcanal was the most significant turning point in the Pacific War.
- To what extent did US and British foreign policies in the Pacific between 1937-1941 lead to the outbreak of war in the Pacific in 1941.
- Life on the homefront was worse for the Japanese. Discuss this statement.
- The success of the Japanese advance 1941-1942 could not be maintained and ultimately resulted in the allies gaining the upper hand. How accurate is this statement?
- How significant was the Battle of Midway in leading to allied victory?
- Assess the impact on civilians in the occupied territories in South East Asia.