



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS 2020

COURSE : HISTORY 1B

CODE : HISEXB1, HIS1BB1, HIS1B21 **MARKS: 100**

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THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF ONE (1) SECTION AND TWO (2) PAGES.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- This is a take-home exam. The deadline for completing the exam is 10.30 on 16 November, 2020.
 - The window for submitting the exam via Turn It In on Blackboard will be between 10.30am on 14 November until 10.30 am on 16 November, 2020.
 - Use the lecture notes, reading materials and preparation materials provided to you for this module. Use quotation marks “ “ and footnotes (not in-text citation) for any quotations from other texts. Quotations should be used for emphasis and as evidence for a broader argument and should not substitute for your own written expression. Plagiarism or cheating in other forms will fail (see plagiarism declaration below)
 - Dr Sparks will provide additional guidelines to you ahead of the deadline, but be sure to read the instructions below very carefully.
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SECTION A

Choose ONE (1) of the following questions and submit a clear, well-structured essay of approximately 1000-1500 words, which draws upon the material from the module. Be sure to use footnotes to cite the textbook or lecture notes. In your discussion, please give developed, specific examples, organise your essay chronologically, and make it clear where in the world and when in time you are referring to.

QUESTION 1

The increased interconnection of the world during the final decades of the twentieth century is typically referred to as 'globalization', but global interconnection is not in fact new.

Discuss this statement, with reference to what you have learnt in this module during this semester.

OR

QUESTION 2

For a brief period in the early 15th Century (1400s), a fleet of Ming dynasty boats from China navigated in the waters of the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea and Southeast Asia. This period of Chinese maritime exploration and trade quickly came to an end, however. As a thought-experiment, how different might world history have been if Chinese mariners and not Christopher Columbus had crossed the Atlantic first? Discuss, with reference to what you have learnt over the course of this semester.

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