IBDP Texts/Topics for HSP Students in their Higher Level (HL) Subjects (2014)

COMPULSORY SUBJECT: ENGLISH A: LITERATURE HL

Part 1: Works in Translation
Pirandello, Luigi: *Six Characters in Search of an Author*
Duong Thu, Huong: *Paradise of the Blind*
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel: *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*

Part 2: Detailed Study
Conrad, Joseph: *Heart of Darkness*
Ondaatje, Michael: *Running in the Family*
*English Romantic Poetry - An Anthology (The Poetry of John Keats)*

Part 3: Literary Genres
Pinter, Harold: *The Birthday Party*
Beckett, Samuel: *Waiting for Godot*
Williams, Tennessee: *A Streetcar Named Desire*
Fugard, Athol: 'Master Harold'... and the boys

Part 4: Options
Lahiri, Jumpha: *Interpreter of Maladies*
Pang & Lee (Eds.): *No Other City*
De Botton, Alain: *The Art of Travel*

2ND SUBJECT: Economics HL

Section 1: Microeconomics
1.1 Competitive markets: demand and supply
1.2 Elasticity
1.3 Government intervention
1.4 Market failure
1.5 Theory of the firm and market structures

**Section 2: Macroeconomics**
2.1 The level of overall economic activity
2.2 Aggregate demand and aggregate supply
2.3 Macroeconomic objectives
2.4 Fiscal policy
2.5 Monetary policy
2.6 Supply-side policies

**Section 3: International economics**
3.1 International trade
3.2 Exchange rates
3.3 The balance of payments
3.4 Economic integration
3.5 Terms of trade

**Section 4: Development Economics**
4.1 Economic development
4.2 Measuring development
4.3 The role of domestic factors
4.4 The role of international trade
4.5 The role of foreign direct investment (FDI)
4.6 The roles of foreign aid and multilateral development assistance
4.7 The role of international debt
4.8 The balance between markets and intervention
3rd SUBJECT OPTION: GEOGRAPHY HL

Part 1: Core Theme – patterns and change
Populations in transition
Disparities in wealth and development
Patterns in environmental quality and sustainability
Patterns in resource consumption

Part 2: Optional Themes
There are seven optional themes, of which three are required for HL
Themes selected:
1. Freshwater – issues and conflicts
2. Urban environments
3. Hazards and disasters

Part 3: HL extension – Global Interactions
There are seven compulsory topics
1. Measuring global interactions
2. Changing space – the shrinking world
3. Economic interactions and flows
4. Environmental change
5. Socio-cultural exchanges
6. Political Outcomes

3rd SUBJECT OPTION: HISTORY HL

History Paper 1: 20th century world history

Prescribed subject 3: Communism in crisis 1976-89

- Domestic and foreign problems of the Brezhnev era
- Gorbachev and his aims / policies
• Consequences of Gorbachev’s policies for Eastern European
• The struggle for power following the death of Mao Zedong, Hua Guofeng, the reemergence of Deng Xiaoping and the defeat of the Gang of Four
• China under Deng Xiaoping

**History Paper 2: 20th century world history topics**

**Topic 3: Origins and development of authoritarian and single-party states**

• Conditions that produced authoritarian and single-party states
• Methods used to establish single party states
• Domestic policies and impact
• Case studies: Hitler and Stalin
• Case study: Mao

**Topic 5: The Cold War**

• Origins of the Cold War
• Nature of the Cold War
• Development and impact of the Cold
• End of the Cold War

**History Paper 3 Aspects of the history of Asia and Oceania**

**Topic 4: Early modernisation and imperial decline in East Asia – mid 19th to the early 20th century**

• Tongzhi Restoration and the Self-strengthening Movement (1861-94)
• Impact of defeat in the Sino-Japanese War (1894-5) Guangxu and the 100 Days
• Reforms (1898)
• Boxer Rebellion (1900-01) the late Qing reforms
• Sun Yixian and the 1911 Double Ten Nationalist Revolution
• Meiji Restoration (1868) in Japan; the 1889 Constitution
• Social, cultural and economic developments in Meiji Japan
• Commitment to military power; victory in the Sino-Japanese War (1894-5) and in the Russo-Japanese War (1904-5)
• Korean isolation: opening (1876); rebellions; annexation (1910)

**Topic 6: The Republic of China 1912-49 and the rise of communism**

• The 21 Demands (1915); New Cultural Movement; the Treaty of Versailles (1919);
• the May Fourth Movement (1919)
• Yuan Shikai; warlordism; the Northern Expedition; the Jiangsi Soviet; the Long March
• (1934-5)
• Guomindang; leadership, ideology and policies
• The First United Front (1924-7); Second United Front (1936-45)
• The Fifteen Year War (1931-45) between China and Japan
• Chinese Civil War and the Communist victory (1946-9)

**Topic 10: China the regional superpower from mid 20th century to 2000**

• Establishment of the Communist state 1949-1961; the role of Mao
• Transition to socialism; successes and failures in social and economic developments
• 1949-61
• Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution: causes and effects, political, social and cultural impact
• Foreign affairs 1949-76: Sino-American relations; Gang of Four and leadership of
• Deng Xiaoping 1976-97; political and economic developments; Jiang Zemin
• China’s impact on the region relations with other states; Hong Kong and its return to
• China economic, political and socialist developments in Taiwan