

YEAR 8 HISTORY

YEARLY EXAMS REVISION SHEET 2010

All of the work covered in the third and fourth terms must be studied for your end-of-year examination. The main aspects are:

- The Incas – their society, the Spanish colonisation, etc.
- The early discoveries of Australia – aboriginal Australia, traders from the north, European visitors, etc.
- The nature and impact of colonisation on aboriginal and white Australians.

Your exam will have 4 sections:

Part A will examine your knowledge of **facts**. In it, you may have to: - match words with their correct definitions - say whether a statement is true or false - identify an individual, etc. Your answers to this section will all be written on a fill-in Answer Sheet.

Part B will test your **writing skills**. You will have a number of paragraphs you will have to write to explain and describe things. Your answers to this section will also be written on the fill-in Answer Sheet labelled Section B.

Part C will test your **comprehension and analytical skills**. You will be given a number of sources, which you will not have seen before, and you will have to answer questions about them to show how well you have interpreted and understood them.

Part D will be a writing task in the form of a structured essay about the differing experiences of contact between aboriginal and European peoples. The task could be something like:

1. What were the first contacts like?
2. What were the main reasons for differences between the two peoples?
3. What were the main results or consequences of the arrival of the First Fleet for the aboriginal people?

Make sure that you leave yourself enough time to complete the whole examination paper. You will have 1½ hours but each section has been allocated a recommended amount of time that you are advised to spend on it. In general, the more marks a question is worth, the longer your answer should be.

TOPICS

- **The Incas** – the features of pre-colonisation Incan society; Incan culture, army, religion, fashion, music, lifestyle; the nature of contact between the Incas and the Spanish; the nature of colonisation; consequences
- **The early discoverers of Australia** – early traders from the north; Mendonca and the Portuguese; Dutch discoveries, including Janzoon, Hartog and Tasman; Dampier and Cook. The impact of early discoveries on Australia.
- **The nature and impact of early colonisation in Australia** - pre-contact aboriginal culture; differing experiences of contact between the European and aboriginal peoples, including disease, land disputes, dispossession, massacres; consequences of colonisation.