

Paper V-1: Time and Relative Dimensions in History

Answer THREE questions only.

1. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Would a Time Lord agree?
2. How Great and Bountiful was the Third Great and Bountiful Human Empire?
3. "In the grim darkness of the far future, there is only war." To what extent does this view misrepresent humanity in the 41st millennium?
4. If history is written by the victors, why do the Browncoats occupy such a central place in historiography?
5. Analyse the reasons for the rise of the Farsight Enclaves.
6. What can postmodernism tell us about thinking in portals?
7. To what extent can the Sith under Darth Sidious be said to be the same as those at the time of the Old Republic?
8. Answer either:
 - a. Were the Jedi more effective as commanders, soldiers or diplomats?

OR

 - b. "The training of the Jedi was the cause of both their weaknesses and strengths." Discuss.
9. How appropriate was God's last message to his creation? Discuss with reference either to Arthur Dent, or a falling sperm whale, but not both.
10. Have historians underestimated the importance of the Mulefa? If so, why?
11. Could the twelve districts have functioned without the Capitol? If not, why not?
12. "KHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAN!" Comment, with reference to both economics and politics.
13. Do the available sources allow us to conclude whether T'au Ethereals believed they were *really* acting "for the greater good"?
14. "Hokey religions and ancient weapons are no match for a good blaster at your side." To what extent is this assessment of technological and cultural change under the Galactic Empire accurate?
15. How important to the expansion of the Dalek Empire was the re-write that allowed them to fly and negotiate staircases?
16. Compare and contrast either:
 - a. The battles of Geonosis and Serenity Valley
 - b. The careers of Yoda and Rassilon
17. Was the Republic of Heaven a success or a failure?
18. Assess the wider social and cultural impact of discovering that the answer to life, the universe, and everything is forty-two. N.B. candidates should not speculate on what the question might be.
19. Is a Marxist analysis of Order 66 appropriate?
20. Analyse whether the social and political makeup of New Seoul was more of a reason for its downfall than the economy.
21. "Whether the cake was a lie or not is a question for philosophers, not historians." Discuss.

22. Were the cybermen more important for their military capabilities, or for their cultural impact?
23. "Vulcans were necessary more than wanted in human society." Comment.
24. "It is not the place of historians to apportion blame for the Hunger Games, only to assess whose favour the odds were in." Do you agree?
25. Do analyses of the Unification War risk creating a "big damn heroes" school of history?

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