

Explanatory note

The program of the entrance examination on the "World History (the XX century – the beginning of the XXI century)" is designed for foreign citizens applying to study for a Bachelor's degree according to the accredited educational programs and a Master's degree in Medicine.

The content of the program corresponds to the list of topics from the World History course for 10-11 grades of secondary schools of Ukraine (Історія: Україна і світ. 10-11 класи. Навчальна програма для закладів загальної середньої освіти. – Київ: HREC PRESS).

The program is designed to help clarify the knowledge of a foreign entrant knowledge of the World History at a level sufficient for successful studying in V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University.

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Thematic Plan of the Program

Introduction

The subject of history. The main periods of the historical process.

1. The world at the beginning of the XX century.

The main features of socio-economic development, state structure and political life of the world's leading countries (Great Britain, France, USA, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey). The division of the world between colonial Empires. Creation of the Entente and the Triple Alliance.

2. The First World War (1914-1918).

Reasons and reason for the outbreak of the First World War (WWI). Chronological framework of the war. The main theaters of military operations. End of the war. The main political and social results of the First World War.

3. The world in the 20-30th of the XX century.

The post-war arrangement of the world. The Treaty of Versailles. Paris Peace Conference. The League of Nations.

United States. The growing role of the United States in the international arena. The Union of Soviet Republics (Soviet Union) as an imperial-type state. Political repression in the USSR.

The World Economic Crisis (Great Depression) of 1929-1933. Search for ways out of the crisis in the leading countries of the world (USA, England, Germany).

Formation of totalitarian regimes in Europe. The arrival of the fascists to power in Italy and Germany. Nazism. The ideology and policy of the Nazi regime in Germany.

Aggressive actions of Germany, Italy and Japan in the second half of the 30th years of the XX century. The Munich Conference of 1938. Negotiations on collective security in Europe.

4. The Second World War (WWII).

The Causes and nature of the War. The main military actions in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Pacific. The main battle of the Great Patriotic War. The final period of the Second World War in Europe and Asia. The surrender of Germany, Japan and their allies. End of the War.

Political, economic, social results of the Second World War.

The creation of the United Nations (UN). Nuremberg and Tokyo international tribunals over war criminals.

5. Countries of the world in the second half of the XX century.

The world after the Second World War. Proclamation of the People's Republic of China. Domestic and foreign policies of People's Republic of China in the 50-90th of the XX century.

USA and USSR – political, economic and military confrontation. The “Cold War”. The creation of the NATO and the Warsaw Pact. The main political and military conflicts in the second half of the XX century. Attempts to overcome international crises.

Destruction of the world colonial system. Features of the postcolonial development of individual countries in Asia and Africa. India in the second half of the XX century. The economic race of certain countries of Asia and Latin America.

Economic development, domestic and foreign policies of Japan in the 50-90th of the XX century.

Development of countries of Western Europe in the 50-90th of the XX century.

Economic and political integration of Western Europe. European Union.

6. World in the XXI century.

The collapse of the Soviet Union. Creation of independent states.

Expansion of the European Union (EU) and NATO. The role of Ukraine and other countries in this process. Modern world politics. Ukraine in the system of international relations. Global problems of the modern world.

**Questions of the entrance examination
on the World History
(the XX century – the beginning of the XXI century)
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- 1 What does history study. The main periods of the historical process.
- 2 Peculiarities of socio-economic development, state structure, political life of the leading countries of the world (Great Britain, France, USA, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey) at the beginning of the XX century.
- 3 The division of the World between the colonial Empires in the early of the XX century.
- 4 The creation of the Entente and the Triple Alliance.
- 5 Reasons of the First World War (WWI). Chronological framework of the War.
- 6 The main theaters of military operations of the First World War. End of the War.
- 7 The main political and social results of the First World War.
- 8 The world after the First World War. Paris Peace Conference. The League of Nations.
- 9 The World Economic Crisis (Great Depression) of 1929-1933.
- 10 Search for ways out of the crisis in the leading countries of the world (USA, England, Germany).
- 11 Formation of totalitarian regimes in Europe. The arrival of the fascists to power in Italy and Germany. Nazism. The ideology and policy of the Nazi regime in Germany.
- 12 Aggressive actions of Germany, Italy and Japan in the second half of the 30th. Formation of the axis Rome – Berlin – Tokyo.
- 13 Negotiations on collective security in Europe.
- 14 The Second World War. Chronological framework of the war. The main military actions in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Pacific.
- 15 The main battle of the Second World War.
- 16 The final period of the Second World War in Europe and Asia. The surrender of Germany, Japan and their allies. End of the war.
- 17 Political, economic, social results of the Second World War.
- 18 The creation of the UN. Nuremberg and Tokyo international tribunals over war criminals.
- 19 Proclamation of the People's Republic of China. Domestic and foreign policies of the People's Republic of China in the 50-90th of the XX century.

- 20 USA and USSR – political, economic and military confrontation.
- 21 Establishment of NATO and the Warsaw Pact (ATS). The Cold War.
- 22 The main political and military conflicts in the second half of the XX century.
- 23 Destruction of the world colonial system. Features of the postcolonial development of individual countries in Asia and Africa.
- 24 India in the second half of the XX century.
- 25 Economic development, domestic and foreign policies of Japan in the 50- 90th of the XX century.
- 26 Development of countries of Western Europe in the 50-90th of the XX century.
- 27 Economic and political integration of Western Europe. European Union.
- 28 Creation of independent states after the collapse of the Soviet Union.
- 29 The People's Republic of China at the XX-XXI centuries.
- 30 Enlargement of the European Union (EU) and NATO. The path of Ukraine to NATO and the EU.
- 31 Modern world politics. Ukraine in the system of international relations.
- 32 Global problems of the modern World.

**Examination structure and evaluation criteria
of the entrance examination
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Examination control of knowledge of foreign applicants is carried out in the form of completing test tasks and a written answer to the question proposed in the ticket. The tasks of the entrance examination cover the entire period on the subject "World History (XX century, beginning of XXI century)". The total maximum number of points that an entrant can receive is 200 points.

1. Multiple choice test tasks. Entrant is offered a test that includes 30 questions, each of which is worth 5 points. The maximum number of points for this part of the task is 150 points.

2. The written part of the entrance exam consists of an answer to 1 question. The maximum number of points that can be obtained for a written answer is 50 points.

When answering a question on the ticket, the applicant must demonstrate the following knowledge and skills and receive the appropriate number of points:

1. Knowledge of historical events to the extent provided by the entrance examination program on the subject "World history (XX century – beginning of XXI century)" – from 1 to 10 points;
2. Understanding the socio-economic conditions of historical processes, the correctness and logical sequence of the presentation of the material – from 1 to 10 points;
3. Knowledge of historical chronology - from 1 to 10 points;
4. Knowledge of the geographical space in which historical events took place, skills use geographical and historical maps of the world – from 1 to 10 points;
5. Knowledge of the exam language, language culture, mastery of historical and social science terminology – from 1 to 10 points.

The number of points for one question is from 1 to 50.

The maximum number of points scored for the exam is 200 points.

A foreign entrant is allowed to participate in the competitive selection, if he received a score of at least 100 points.

Persons who during the exam did not show a level of knowledge corresponding to the listed criteria, are considered to have failed the entrance examination in "World History (XX century – beginning of XXI century)".

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