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HI217: IMPERIALISM AND DECOLONISATION, 1900-PRESENT

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Time: TWO hours
Answer THREE questions

1. Was the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand in 1886 a significant cause of the outbreak of the South African War of 1899-1902?
2. What were the aims of imperial government in tropical dependencies EITHER in the years before World War One OR during the interwar period?
3. Did the interwar period see a fundamental restructuring of the relationship between Britain and the Dominions?
4. In what ways did British policy in the Middle East differ from that employed in other areas of British colonial rule?
5. Did imperial rivalries in the Far East inevitably lead to the outbreak of war in the Pacific in 1941?
6. Did nationalism oblige imperial powers to decolonise?
7. Was the British experience of decolonisation less traumatic than that of other imperial powers and if so, why?
8. Did white settler populations prove an asset or a liability to imperial powers in the years after the Second World War?
9. How far did Britain fashion an imperial economy during the twentieth century?
10. 'A classic case of imperialism.' Discuss this verdict on twentieth-century US foreign policy.
11. Are contemporary disputes over land rights a legacy of imperialism, or a mark of its perpetuation in the modern world?