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Scholarship Examination

HISTORY

Time allowed – 45 minutes

This question is about the defeat of Japan during World War Two.

You do not need any prior knowledge of this topic but we suggest that you look at the 'Useful Definitions' before reading the sources.

Answer the following questions.

1. **Study Source A.**

   What can you learn from Source A about the attitudes of the Japanese soldiers at Guadalcanal?

   3 marks

2. **Study Sources B and C.**

   Does Source C support the evidence of Source B about the attitude of the Japanese soldiers at Guadalcanal?

   7 marks

3. **Study ALL of the sources.**

   'The main reason the USA found victory hard to come by in the war in the Pacific in the years 1942 to 1945 was the determination of the Japanese soldiers.'

   Use the sources to explain whether you agree with this view.

   15 marks

   TOTAL: 25 marks

Useful definitions:

Guadalcanal:	Guadalcanal is the principal island in Guadalcanal Province of the nation of Solomon Islands in the south-western Pacific. The Battle of Guadalcanal took place in 1942 when the US Marines landed on August 7th. The landing at Guadalcanal was unopposed – but it took the Americans six months to defeat the Japanese in what was to turn into a classic battle of attrition.
Iwo Jima:	The Battle of Iwo Jima (19 February – 26 March 1945) was a major battle in which the United States Marine Corps landed on and eventually captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II.
Kamikaze:	The word *kamikaze* is used to mean the suicide pilots of the Empire of Japan, and their attacks on the ships of the Allied Powers in the final years of World War Two, during which they flew their planes into enemy ships. It has also come to mean other kinds of suicide attack.