**Syllabus Section 13: The Second World War and the Americas 1933-45**

As the world order deteriorated in the late 1930s, resulting in the outbreak of war in Europe, the countries of the region reacted in different ways to the challenges presented. This section focuses on the changing policies of the countries in the region as a result of growing political and diplomatic tensions preceding and during the Second World War. It also examines the impact of the war upon the Americas.

* Hemispheric reactions to the events in Europe and Asia: inter-American diplomacy; cooperation and neutrality; Franklin D Roosevelt’s Good Neighbour policy—its application and effects
* Involvement and participation of any two countries of the Americas in the Second World War
* Social impact of the Second World War; impact on women and minorities; conscription
* Treatment of Japanese Americans, Japanese Latin Americans and Japanese Canadians
* Reasons for, and significance of, US use of atomic weapons against Japan
* Economic and diplomatic effects of the Second World War in any two countries of the Americas