Each essay is worth 30% of the paper mark: Arab history and economics

(a) The geographical position of the Arab world makes it a hub for the world's oil and significant problems in the region in the twentieth century. Discuss the examples.  

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Choose a single Arab country and talk about the importance of oil in the country. What were the positive and negative aspects of this in the twentieth century?

(b) Candidates can give any benefits for example trade, cultural and financial benefits. They can also mention problems like colonization, Palestine, and continuous interference in countries affairs.

Any Arab country can be chosen. Some have more oil than others. Countries with more oil attracted the attention of foreign companies. Whilst this was good for the economy of the country, it sometimes meant a loss of control.