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HISTORY

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Paper 2 Outline Study

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1 hour 45 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.
Section A: European option
Section B: American option
Section C: International option
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages.

Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.

Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

1 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

- (a) Explain why there was opposition to the demands for social reform which were caused by the Industrial Revolution. [10]
- (b) 'The *laissez-faire* approach to economic affairs caused the Industrial Revolution.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

- (a) Explain why Austria lost the war of 1866 against Prussia. [10]
- (b) How far were the revolutions in Germany, 1848–49, caused by nationalism? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

- (a) Explain why there was opposition to the introduction of the New Economic Policy. [10]
- (b) 'Disunity amongst its critics kept the Tsarist regime secure in the period 1906–14.' How far do you agree? [20]

Section B: American option**The history of the USA, 1820–1941****4 The origins of the Civil War, 1820–61**

- (a) Explain why Texas joining the Union was controversial. [10]
- (b) To what extent was Lincoln's victory in the 1860 election caused by divisions in the Democratic Party? [20]

5 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

- (a) Explain why ex-slaves found it difficult to improve their lives during the Reconstruction period. [10]
- (b) How important was foreign influence in determining the outcome of the Civil War? [20]

6 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal policies, 1920–41

- (a) Explain why there was a 'Roosevelt Recession' in 1937–38. [10]
- (b) How far do you agree that the Depression was caused by Hoover's reaction to the Great Crash? [20]

Section C: International option**International history, 1870–1945****7 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1920s**

- (a) Explain why the Kellogg–Briand Pact of 1928 was seen as a major development in international relations. [10]
- (b) ‘The League of Nations was successful in dealing with international conflict in the 1920s.’ How far do you agree? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1930s

- (a) Explain why Britain was slow to begin rearmament in the 1930s. [10]
- (b) ‘The Nazi–Soviet Pact was brought about by Stalin’s mistrust of Britain and France.’ How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

- (a) Explain why the Japanese army occupied Manchuria in 1931. [10]
- (b) To what extent was the increasing support for the Chinese Communist Party in the 1930s a result of the policies of Chiang Kai-shek? [20]

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