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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 France, 1774–1814

- (a) Explain why Napoleon's regime can be seen as a dictatorship. [10]
- (b) To what extent had the Revolution changed France by the end of 1791? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

- (a) Explain why capitalism was important for the development of the Industrial Revolution in Britain. [10]
- (b) 'Governments responded positively to demands for change caused by industrialisation.' How far do you agree? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

- (a) Explain why the Bolsheviks were successful in October 1917. [10]
- (b) How important was the war with Japan in the development of the Revolution of 1905? [20]

Section B: American option**The history of the USA, 1820–1941****4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77**

- (a) Explain why there was opposition to Johnson's plans for Reconstruction. [10]
- (b) 'Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation for military reasons.' How far do you agree? [20]

5 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s–1920

- (a) Explain why the movement for female emancipation remained split throughout the late nineteenth century. [10]
- (b) How far do you agree that Progressive reforms were more successful at state than at federal level? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why people bought goods on hire purchase in the 1920s. [10]
- (b) How far do you agree that the key to Roosevelt's political success was his ability to communicate effectively with the American people? [20]

Section C: International option**International history, 1870–1945****7 Empire and the emergence of world powers, 1870–1919**

- (a) Explain why the Second Boer War led to heavy criticism of Britain. [10]
- (b) To what extent did the Anglo-Japanese Alliance contribute to the Japanese victory over Russia in 1905? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1920s

- (a) Explain why the work of the Refugee Commission of the League of Nations was particularly important in the period to 1923. [10]
- (b) 'The Locarno Treaties established a trusting and friendly relationship between Germany and other European nations.' How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

- (a) Explain why the appointment of General Tojo as Japanese Prime Minister was significant in the Japanese decision to go to war in 1941. [10]
- (b) How important was the support of the USSR in the success of the Northern Expedition? [20]

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