Cambridge International AS & A Level

HISTORY **9489/23**

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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 [ ].

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

Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

1 France, 1774–1814

(a) Explain why the Assembly of Notables failed. [10]

(b) ‘The insurrection of 10 August 1792 happened because of France’s war with Austria and Prussia.’ How far do you agree? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why the Luddite movement developed. [10]

(b) ‘It was improvements in transport that brought about industrial development.’ How far do you agree? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why the Kronstadt rebellion threatened Bolshevik power. [10]

(b) How far was Kerensky responsible for the collapse of the Provisional Government? [20]

Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why white Southerners were hostile to Reconstruction governments. [10]

(b) To what extent did President Lincoln abuse his power as Commander-in-Chief? [20]

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

(a) Explain why new immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe were often exploited. [10]

(b) ‘Prohibition was introduced because the government was no longer reliant on liquor tax.’ How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why there was panic selling of shares in late October 1929. [10]

(b) To what extent did Roosevelt introduce the Second New Deal to gain the support of the liberal left? [20]

Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

7 Empire and the emergence of world powers, 1870–1919

(a) Explain why the USA became involved in Panama from 1902 onwards. [10]

(b) To what extent was internal reform responsible for the emergence of Japan as a world power? [20]

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

(a) Explain why Poland faced a number of border disputes as a result of the Paris peace settlement. [10]

(b) To what extent did American intervention resolve Germany's financial problems in the 1920s? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why the Xi'an incident was important. [10]

(b) To what extent were economic factors responsible for the decline of democracy in Japan? [20]