
HISTORY

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Paper 4 Depth Study

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

This paper contains **five** sections:

Depth Study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941

Depth Study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990

Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991

Depth Study 4: African History, 1945–1991

Depth Study 5: Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The marks are given in brackets [] at the end of each question.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Depth Study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941

Answer any **two** questions.

- 1 'The incompetence of the Whites was the main reason for Bolshevik victory in the Russian Civil War.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 2 'Mussolini's Corporate State failed.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 3 To what extent did Stalin create a totalitarian state in Russia? [30]
- 4 'Hitler was able to establish himself in power by 1934 mainly because of a weak opposition.' How far do you agree? [30]

Depth Study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990

Answer any **two** questions.

- 5 'President Eisenhower was re-elected in 1956 mainly because of the booming economy.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 6 How successful was affirmative action in improving the position of ethnic minorities in the 1960s and 1970s? [30]
- 7 Assess the reasons why, in the 1980s, the USA experienced 'twin deficits' on the federal budget and on overseas trade. [30]
- 8 How consistent were President Reagan's policies towards the USSR? [30]

Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991

Answer any **two** questions.

- 9** To what extent did the nuclear arms race make the world safer in the period from 1950 to 1975? [30]
- 10** 'The growth of nationalism in Eastern Europe was the main reason for the collapse of the Soviet Union.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 11** How successful was Deng Xiaoping's policy of 'market socialism'? [30]
- 12** To what extent did the Iran-Iraq War (1980–88) destabilise international relations? [30]

Depth Study 4: African History, 1945–1991

Answer any **two** questions.

- 13** How significant were outside factors in securing African independence? [30]
- 14** How far have African countries been able to establish stable political systems since independence? [30]
- 15** Assess the attitudes of African governments after independence to religious and cultural diversity within their states. [30]
- 16** How effective was the United Nations as a peace-keeper in Africa? [30]

Depth Study 5: Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s

Answer any **two** questions.

- 17** Why did the nature of resistance to Japanese rule in Southeast Asia vary so much? [30]
- 18** Assess the importance of economic factors in bringing about the formation of Malaysia in 1963. [30]
- 19** Why was opposition to military rule in Thailand not more successful from 1945 to the 1990s? [30]
- 20** How important were economic considerations in bringing about the formation of ASEAN? [30]

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