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HISTORY

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Paper 4 Alternative to Coursework

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1 hour

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **one** question from your chosen Depth study.
- 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 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has 4 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question.

Depth study A: The First World War, 1914–18

- 1 (a) Write an account of the development of the trench system on the Western Front to the end of 1914. [15]
- (b) Discuss the importance of the First Battle of Ypres. [25]
- 2 (a) Write an account of Russia's campaigns on the Eastern Front. [15]
- (b) Discuss the impact of Russia's defeat in the First World War. [25]

Depth study B: Germany, 1918–45

- 3 (a) Write an account of the invasion of the Ruhr in 1923. [15]
- (b) Discuss the impact of hyperinflation on Germany. [25]
- 4 (a) Write an account of the Reichstag Fire. [15]
- (b) Discuss the importance of the Enabling Act. [25]

Depth study C: Russia, 1905–41

- 5 (a) Write an account of the Purges. [15]
- (b) Discuss the importance of Stalin's 'cult of personality'. [25]
- 6 (a) Write an account of the process of collectivisation. [15]
- (b) Discuss the impact of the Five-Year Plans. [25]

Depth study D: The United States, 1919–41

- 7 (a) Write an account of the problems faced by older industries in the United States in the 1920s. [15]
- (b) Discuss the impact of new methods in the manufacture and selling of goods in the 1920s. [25]
- 8 (a) Write an account of how speculation on the stock market developed during the 1920s. [15]
- (b) Discuss the impact of the Wall Street Crash on the United States. [25]

Depth study E: The Second World War in Europe and the Asia–Pacific, 1939–c.1945

- 9 (a) Write an account of Germany's plans to invade Britain. [15]
- (b) Discuss the importance of the Royal Air Force in the defence of Britain in 1940. [25]
- 10 (a) Write an account of the fall of Singapore. [15]
- (b) Discuss the importance of the Japanese navy in the war in the Asia–Pacific. [25]

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