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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 **three** 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

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.

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

Answer any **two** questions.

- 1** 'The Bolsheviks offered a better future for the majority of the Russian people.' To what extent does this explain their victory in the Russian Civil War? [30]
- 2** How successfully did Mussolini rule Italy? [30]
- 3** Evaluate Stalin's reasons for embarking on the Great Purge. [30]
- 4** 'There was limited opposition to Nazi rule after 1933 because most Germans supported Hitler and his ideas.' How far do you agree? [30]

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

Answer any **two** questions.

- 5** How far do you agree that the economic growth of the late 1940s and the 1950s worked mainly to the benefit of the middle class? [30]
- 6** How successful was the feminist movement in the 1960s and 1970s? [30]
- 7** How great was the impact of the AIDS epidemic on US society in the 1980s? [30]
- 8** 'A complete failure.' How far do you agree with this assessment of the US policy of containing communism in Southeast Asia in the period from 1954 to 1968? [30]

3**Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991**

Answer any **two** questions.

- 9** 'The missile crisis of 1962 was caused by the USA's determination to regain political and economic control over Cuba.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 10** How justified is the claim that Ronald Reagan was responsible for ending the Cold War? [30]
- 11** 'A fundamental change in Mao Zedong's economic policy.' How far do you agree with this view of the Great Leap Forward? [30]
- 12** How far was Britain responsible for the problems facing Palestine in 1948–49? [30]

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