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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 Napoleon agreed to the Concordat of 1801. [10]

(b) 'The failings of Louis XVI led to the storming of the Bastille.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why Prussia went to war with Austria in 1866. [10]

(b) How influential were liberal ideas in Germany by 1848? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why there was opposition in Russia to the Treaty of Brest–Litovsk. [10]

(b) 'The repression of opposition was the reason the Tsar maintained his power, 1894–1914.' How far do you agree? [20]

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Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

4 The origins of the Civil War, 1820–61

(a) Explain why the Civil War began in April 1861. [10]

(b) 'The enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act was the main cause of increased sectional tensions in the 1850s.' How far do you agree? [20]

5 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why there were different responses in the North to the Emancipation Proclamation. [10]

(b) 'Reconstruction policies were applied consistently throughout the period 1865–77.' How far do you agree? [20]

6 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s to 1920

(a) Explain why there was an economic panic in 1873. [10]

(b) 'The 19th Amendment was the most significant reform of the Progressive era.' How far do you agree? [20]

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Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

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

(a) Explain why Japan was able to improve its international status by 1900. [10]

(b) How far do economic factors explain the Scramble for Africa? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1930s

(a) Explain why the Rome–Berlin Axis was formed in 1936. [10]

(b) To what extent was the Great Depression responsible for the rise of political extremism in Europe? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why the First United Front was ended in 1927. [10]

(b) How far does the war against Japan explain why the Kuomintang was in a weak position by 1945? [20]

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