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HISTORY **9489/42**

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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 history in the interwar years, 1919–41

1 Assess the view that by 1941 Mussolini had failed to create a nation of fascists. [30]

2 'Stalin's control of the Soviet Union in the years 1928 to 1941 was mainly the result of successful propaganda.' Discuss this view. [30]

3 'The success of the Nazi regime's economic policies in the years 1933 to 1939 amounted to a miracle.' Discuss this view. [30]

4 'The political dominance of the British Conservative Party in the years 1922 to 1939 was due to its leadership.' Analyse this view. [30]

Section B: The history of the USA, 1944–92

5 'Improvements in transport and communications were the greatest achievement of Eisenhower's domestic policy.' Discuss this view. [30]

6 'The oil crises were the most important reason for economic deterioration in the 1970s.' Assess this view. [30]

7 Evaluate the impact of the Rainbow Coalition on US politics in the years 1984 to 1992. [30]

8 Assess the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis for relations between the US and USSR. [30]

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Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 ‘The fall of the Berlin Wall resulted in the collapse of communist rule in Eastern Europe and the USSR.’ Analyse this view. [30]

10 Assess the extent to which discontent with the Kuomintang resulted in the establishment of the People’s Republic of China in 1949. [30]

11 ‘Mass support for nationalist movements was the main reason African nations gained their independence after 1950.’ Discuss this view. [30]

12 Evaluate the impact of Yasser Arafat’s leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation up to 1979. [30]

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