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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 the royal family's attempted escape from Paris in June 1791 caused a strong reaction against the monarchy. [10]

(b) 'Napoleon's coup of 1799 succeeded because he had the support of the Army.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why the factory system developed. [10]

(b) 'By 1850 industrialisation had undermined aristocratic influence.' How far do you agree? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why division amongst their enemies led to Bolshevik success in the Russian Civil War. [10]

(b) To what extent were Stolypin's land reforms a success? [20]

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Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why Grant's enforcement of Reconstruction policies was inconsistent. [10]

(b) 'The main aim of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments was to suppress states' rights.' How far do you agree? [20]

5 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s–1920

(a) Explain why late-nineteenth-century cities were unhealthy and unsafe. [10]

(b) How far do you agree with the view that trusts and corporations were beneficial to the USA? [20]

6 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal policies, 1920–41

(a) Explain why the economy declined in 1937–38. [10]

(b) 'Conservative opposition to Roosevelt's New Deal was more effective than that from the liberal left.' 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 the Treaty of Paris, 1898, marked an important development in US overseas policy. [10]

(b) How important was technological innovation in the development of New Imperialism after 1871? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1920s

(a) Explain why the Corfu crisis was a failure for the League. [10]

(b) 'During the 1920s, relations between the USSR and other European nations were unfriendly.' How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why Yuan Shih-kai was forced from power in 1916. [10]

(b) How important were problems with the USA in the Japanese decision to go to war in 1941? [20]

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