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HISTORY **9489/41**

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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 how popular Mussolini's policies were with the Italian people in the years 1925 to 1941. [30]

2 'Stalin's economic policies brought few benefits to the workers and peasants in the Soviet Union.' Discuss this view. [30]

3 Assess how far increasing support for the Nazi Party in the years 1929 to 1932 was the result of skilful propaganda. [30]

4 'Recovery from the Great Depression in Britain was the result of government economic policies.' Discuss this view. [30]

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

5 'A defeat for the Republican Party rather than a victory for Truman and his policies.' Assess this view of the presidential election of 1948. [30]

6 'The growth of feminism in the 1960s and 1970s was mostly the result of the work of women's organisations.' Evaluate this view. [30]

7 'The Iran–Contra Affair was deeply damaging to Reagan and the Republican Party.' Discuss this view. [30]

8 Assess how successfully the US managed its relations with the USSR in the period 1950–63. [30]

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Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 ‘Soviet suppression of the 1956 uprising in Hungary had limited impact on US–Soviet relations.’ Assess this view. [30]

10 ‘The Korean War was caused by Stalin’s ambition to strengthen Soviet influence in Asia.’ Assess this view. [30]

11 Evaluate how far the UN was responsible for its failure in Somalia. [30]

12 Assess how far the creation of the state of Israel in 1948 was the result of US involvement. [30]

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