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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 there were so many constitutional changes from 1790 to 1795. [10]

(b) 'The main reason the Directory survived from 1795 to 1799 was that the opposition to it was divided.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why free trade was important to the development of industrialisation. [10]

(b) 'Efforts by Parliament to improve working conditions had made little progress by 1850.' How far do you agree? [20]

3 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why Prussia's economy developed rapidly after 1849. [10]

(b) 'Military leadership was more important than Bismarck's diplomacy in bringing about German unification.' 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 support for abolitionism grew in the 1850s. [10]

(b) How effectively did the Missouri Compromise secure the balance of sectional interests? [20]

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

(a) Explain why opposition to tariffs was ineffective during the Gilded Age. [10]

(b) 'Theodore Roosevelt's greatest achievements as president were laws to protect consumers.' To what extent do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why federal government did little to regulate business in the 1920s. [10]

(b) How far was homelessness the most serious impact of the Great Depression? [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 Meiji Restoration marked the beginning of the emergence of Japan as a significant power. [10]

(b) 'The scramble for Africa was the result of European nations wanting to increase trade.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why Bulgarians disliked the Treaty of Neuilly. [10]

(b) 'International conferences in the 1920s failed to improve international relations.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why Hitler's attempted Anschluss with Austria in 1934 failed. [10]

(b) To what extent was the League's reaction to the invasion of Manchuria responsible for its eventual failure? [20]

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